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Mrs. Porter -

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An informed Congressman believes that unless Congress acts this Fall to restore constitutional govt - it will be too late. USA to become a dictatorship - people slaves to an International Octopus now fast choking off at home the very freedoms which we are now fighting to restore abroad. What you and your friends do - or don't do - now will decide freedom or slavery for you and your children. Get down on your knees - to God now, imploring Him for mercy and guidance, and then write your Congressmen, or you will surely be beaten to your knees by the decrees and devilry of that Intl.Octopus.

Two recent events prove there is still hope. In NewYorkCity and So.Calif., hotbeds of the "isms", and hdqtrs for said Intl.Octopus, rugged Americanism asserted itself. A Christian policeman, Jas.L.Drew, whose "crime" was that he had subscribed to publications of 3 of the 33 indicted for "conspiracy to commit sedition", and had contributed modestly to defense funds (of Mrs.Dilling, Col.Sanctuary and myself), and therefore must be fired and made an example of so as to intimidate other Christian Americans, after much publicity as to his "crime" and "trial" -- was re-instated, much to discomfiture of Jewish and Communist organizations and press.

In So.Calif., a Christian farmer, indicted by a grand jury for allegedly counseling a nephew to escape the draft, but whose "crime" seemed to be that he was "opposed to Roosevelt and his Jewish advisors" -- was found "not guilty" by jury in 45 minutes. FBI had broken into that farm home, had seized files, had influenced draft board, and bail was set at \$26,000. Farmer had corresponded with Mrs.Dilling, too.

His nephew, graduate and experienced farmer, had 3 brothers in the service. Three Senators had advised this farmer how to appeal for deferment for the nephew needed to operate the farm (but deferment had been denied despite dire need for food for war effort). Farmer had sufficient units to entitle nephew to deferment. Farmer is a famous inventor whose cartridge, patented, used to start airplane motors, is licensed to U.S. & British Govts, but denied to Germany & Russia. He is a veteran of a suicide tank brigade in WorldWarI, honorably discharged.

According to Eliz.Dilling's Aug.bulletin (25¢ - Rm.708, 8 So.Dearborn, Chicago,Ill.): "The FBI was 'administered a fulminant lashing' for 'looting R.A.Coffman's home without a search warrant', and Judge 'ordered all his papers, magazines and documents returned'."

Now, former subscribers to AID! - and newcomers - because of immediate necessity of getting little-known facts to Congressmen and other leaders (to help them act so as to save USA - to which this bulletin service is dedicated) - should, in view of foregoing, be encouraged to renew financing of our work. May God bless you.

Why should you write Congressmen? Terrific pressure is constantly brot upon them to yield to the conspiracy of said Intl.Octopus. They need facts and moral support to withstand and to fight it. Only you can do it. They need your prayers and visual evidence that you are thinking thru our pressing problems with them. They need warnings against and understanding of that Intl.Octopus' plans and operations. (Chas.Phillips, Box 373, Lincoln,Nebr.; Wm.Kullgren, Atascadero,Calif.; Dr.Gerald B.Winrod, Wichita,Kas.; F.A.Parker, 5653 PostRoad, NewYork,63,N.Y. - all publish valuable helps to understanding). My bulletin service aims to inform you and Congress - a few samples follow:

There are many vicious arms to that Intl.Octopus, but four right now are subtly insinuating and reaching for strangle-holds, which if successful, mean the end of our once Christian Constitutional Representative Republic - and slavery for all of us. Supreme Court has declared USA a Christian nation. Did you know that Christian colleges, as well as homes, produced the men that created our Republic? 47 of the 55 who signed the Declaration of Independence were graduates of Christian colleges. No wonder our laws originally were from the Bible. No wonder that the symbolisms, such as in the Great Seal (see \$1.bill), on our coins ("In God We Trust" - not gold, usury, bonds, force, regimentation, etc.), and in our language and customs - so many have Christian significance (not Marxian, nor Communist, Socialist, Fascist, Nazi, nor Judaic, Mohammedan, Confucian, Talmudic.)

The so-called - in a derogatory way - "Nationalism" and "Isolationism" principles of our Founding Fathers, were based on the Bible. Every President up to Wilson adhered to those Christian principles. But he was a modernistic college professor. Too many of them, not educated in Christian colleges, are now in key positions, and responsible for much of the confusion and departure-from-basic-principles with which the world is cursed today. Thru confusion Satan takes-over. Truly it is that without Christ we have chaos. Constant "compromising" in Congress helps destroy that Congress. One of chief aims of the Intl. Octopus. Observe widespread publicity given to incidents in Congress, or actions of Congressmen, which seeks to destroy confidence in the law-making and funds-appropriating body of our Govt. USA today seeing repetition of tactics that led to overthrow of similar bodies in Russia and Germany - ending up in anti-Christian dictatorships!

Columnists, commentators, lecturers, papers, magazines and books fill the eye and ear - with most vicious attacks being made on the truly courageous Christians in and out of Congress. Walter Winchell, thru radio and press, tells millions of Americans they MUST read "Under Cover" - a \$3.50 book by John Roy Carlson (good American-sounding name). Large city newspapers run 1½ column book-review by Philip Adler to effect that you are not a good American unless you read it and believe it. It is in its 8th printing. Chmn of Nudeal Writers' War Board, Rex Stout (leader in trying to defeat Christian Congressmen in 1942 elections) says: "I would like to see UNDER COVER in the hands of every American", etc. Russell Davenport, married to a Jewess, companion and speech-writer for Wendell Willkie during 1940 campaign, participant in fooling Republicans with "campaign oratory", and editor of FORTUNE magazine, employer of "Under Cover" author, blesses that book, as do Struthers Burt, Cecil Brown, Carl Van Doren, Louis Adamic, Red Jew Clifton Fadiman, the Book-of-the-Month Club News, Chicago Daily News, N.Y. Herald-Tribune, and Jewish-owned N.Y. Times and Phila. Enquirer, and the official Communist DAILY WORKER, ad nauseum. "PM", NYCity's "uptown" Daily Worker, day-by-day for about a month smeared certain Congressmen and the 33 indicted, paving way for "Under Cover", devoting full page to me.

Book was released latter part of July, timed to discredit and intimidate Congress, and poison public's mind so that when trial of said 33 takes place at Washington, D.C., the Intl. Octopus hopes to keep Congress from coming to our rescue with pending legislation. Also hopes to secure convictions in order to intimidate public at large, so that the kind of off-setting influence on Congress by you and me, will be scared off. Do you "scare" that easy???

Why so much about this particular book? As pictured in Sunday magazine section of Communist DAILY WORKER 8-22-43 - most of p.12 devoted to ballyhoo for "Under Cover" - it is intended as the "WHO'S WHO of U.S. Fascists". It is designed to offset Mrs. Dillings' unrefuted-documented works: "The Red Network"; "The Roosevelt Red Record"; "The Octopus" (I have a few copies left - priced \$1. and 60¢ respectively - all 3 for \$2.50 sent pp insured upon receipt of remittance - 1,055 pp. of documentation and indexes for \$2.50 - compared with the \$3.50 "Under Cover"'s 544 pp. of lies, smears, and gossip.)

If, as Winchell says, the Govt has bought 5,000 of "Under Cover" for distribution to camps, since our armed forces are supposed to be non-political, then Congress should insist that the Govt purchase an equal number of "The Red Network", which incidentally, as protested in the Jewish press, is being used by the Govt to weed out subversive agents in key positions in said Govt.

Reputed author of "Under Cover" was so sure he was going to get policeman J.L. Drew fired, that he bragged on p.433: "I believe that if I'm put to it I can fully prove my case against him as an accomplice of Ernest F. Elmhurst,..." Instead, alias John Roy Carlson was forced to divulge his real name (not used in "Under Cover") - Arthur Derounian - an alleged Armenian born in Greece. As a pretended Christian Italian he joined and worked in many organizations, from America First Committee to the Bund. This alien-born of at least 7 aliases, also was forced to tell who financed him during the 4 years he was boring-from-within many splendid American and some bad organizations. Claimed he worked for the FBI, Friends of Democracy, Inc. (one of chief Judeo-Red outfits that tried to defeat Christian Congressmen, and takes credit for my indictment and others of the 33), Russell Davenport, etc.

Altho this alien-born pretends to be a Christian, yet he wrote under his true name Derounian for such Communist press as the monthly magazine SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY, he glorifying the Bolshevizing of Armenia in its Nov.1936 issue. He wrote under one of his ad-

mitted (in "Under Cover") aliases, George Paige, in the Red NEW REPUBLIC magazine 6-16-1941, which foreign-owned magazine was another spearhead of the attack on Christian Congressmen in the 1942 campaign. As THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE brot out, altho this alien-born brags thruout his book that he lied and lied, yet Americans are asked to believe statements libeling Christian Americans in that same book! Truly we are living in the latter days of Satan's world wherein Christ warned that many would prefer to believe lies, and even the "elect" (avowed Christians) would be deceived!

Even a casual student knows how the Turks for centuries have slaughtered Christian Armenians. Yet this alien-born liar and smear-monger, trying to build up a Christian background, on p.17 boasts: "Father was district manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. (at Alexandropolis, Greece). Grandfather on mother's side had been an architect to the Sultan in Constantinople. Other uncles and grandparents had been jewelers, translators and right-hand men to various Turkish Sultans." If true, then this alien-born greasy black-haired eel is of that mongrel breed referred to by St. John: Rev. III, 9: "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie;.."

To illustrate how totally unreliable this highly touted book is, on p.386 are 8 specific lies, not counting insinuations. E.g.: "An intimate collaborator with countless fascist operatives, Hudson had served the nationalist cause with uncommon fealty and was cited by World Service." One lie: instead of collaborating with even one fascist, I have consistently maintained in AID! and elsewhere that all dictators are but stooges for the Intl. Octopus, i.e., the Synagogue of Satan. By linking "nationalist cause" with a German anti-Communist news service called "World Service" (which in a Mch 1, 1938 issue, without my knowledge, had listed me and AID! as worthy of support by Americans desiring to be informed), "Under Cover" seeks to convey the impression that "nationalism" and "fascism-naziism" are synonymous. In one breath Naziism thus is both nationalistic and internationalistic. Actually, every President and true American from Washington to Wilson were "Nationalists".

On next page, "Under Cover" accuses me of "associating with" certain individuals and one organization - 7 more lies. Even quotes me on following page as not joining any organizations, operating entirely as a free-lance (which is true), and yet maintains that an "admission" was forced from me that I had associated with a certain organization. No such admissions to anyone! This Derounian, traveling as Italian Pagnanelli, had lunch with wife and I, shortly after July 4, 1942 (when he claims being on FBI payroll), in our home, and while we suspected him of being what he undoubtedly is, yet, as always, Red or Patriot, we treat them courteously, converse freely as to our beliefs, and our work, as we have nothing to hide.

He works up to a climax on p.388 wherein he presumes to put words into my mouth, making out that the Associated Farmers of Calif., using the "Vigilante Plan", "had taken the law into their hands, resorting to terrorism toward anyone they regarded as 'Communist'." In fact, Sheriffs had appointed citizens as Deputies, subject to call, who hurried to fellow farmers' places where Communists held up perishable crops, pouring kerosene on lettuce, etc., and by that method law and order were restored on West Coast - the strictly American legal way of combatting criminal operations that get beyond the ability of small police forces to handle.

He calls me "Poison Cup Charlie", "Woodpecker Hudson"; describes me as short, bald-pated, plump, fanatic, uninteresting-faced (but with eyes burning with zealot fire, etc.). By "adassociating" me on page-after-page with such as Genl. Moseley (2nd in command when retired in 1938), Congressmen Thorkelson, Hoffman, Senators Taft, Nye, etc., the book seeks to discredit courageous Christian Congressmen and intimidate them. Book uses same tactics all the way thru, associating a few actual foreign agents with some crackpots, and with sincere Christians in and out of Congress, in society, in business and professional world, etc.

Book devotes one chapter to history of 11 deemed most dangerous to "Democracy" (i.e. Communism, Nudéal, Jewry). First described is Col. E.N. Sanctuary, publisher of "THE TALMUD UNMASKED", "Roosevelt and the Real Fifth Column", "The Roosevelt Saga", etc. He is 72, was personnel man in World War I at Washington, D.C., author of 500 patriotic and Christian songs, head of a Christian Mission in New York City, and he and his wife have devoted many years to exposing the "isms". In the Special Index devoted to the 33 indicted, there are 16 lines of page references to Col. Sanctuary.

The 3 Nazi agents among the 33 indicted (thrown into the pot in order to smear all f innocence), are referred to as shown: Hans Diebel - twice; H.M. Schwinn-

on 6 pages; Geo.S.Viereck - 5 lines. Contrast those few references with Col.Sanctuary's 16 lines; over 8 lines to Dr.Gerald B.Winrod; Geo.Deatherage's 11½ lines; Pelley's 11 lines, and with 11½ lines devoted to Mrs.Dilling, and an equal number to myself.

In that special chapter about the "most dangerous 11", while Col.Sanctuary is No.1, Mrs.Fry is No.2 (I still have a few of her "PLANNED ECONOMY" books with 3 Charts - at \$1.) Deatherage is No.3, I am No.4, Mrs.Dilling No.5, Jas.True and Robt.Edw.Edmondson, both in their 70's I understand, and who have published nothing since 1940, rank Nos.6 and 7, with Wm.Kullgren No.8, ~~CW~~Christians No.9, Pelley No.10, and Edw.Jas.Smythe No.11. With Nos.9 & 10 in jail, observe the tactic of grouping some who have been actuated in exposing alien "isms" as being not only "un-American and un-Constitutional", but also "un-Christian", with others actuated by mixed motives, and with 2 in prison. July 23, 1942 and Jan.3, 1943 saw indictments returned by Federal Grand Juries in Washington against all but No.9. Both been practically quashed, but reported that Justice Dept. trying to get more airtight 3rd indictment this month. I am not guilty of conspiring with anyone!

In Main Index of "Under Cover" (5 indexes to give scholarly aspect to this alleged "WHO'S WHO of U.S. Fascists" - to be used by writers, speakers, etc.), the America First Committee rates 17½ lines of page references as a "Fascist" organization. Compare that with only 15 lines for the German-American Bund. Compare the over 9 lines for Col.Lindbergh, as an "un-American", with only 4 lines of page references given to Fritz Kuhn, an actual Nazi agent, now free of prison, but supposed to be at Ellis Island. Gen.Moseley rates 7 lines compared with less than 4 lines to Mussolini. Col.Robt.R.McCormick rates 6 page references, while THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE gets about 15 pages as "un-American".

Proving the real purpose of this diabolical smear book, it has a special "Congressional Index" of Representatives & Senators. Just as Communist & Jewish press constantly attack the Dies Committee, "Under Cover" has 3 lines of page references to that Com., and over 5 lines to Repr.Martin Dies. Hamilton Fish rates over 7 lines, and Clare E. Hoffman rates 10 lines, sub-indexes giving his alleged associations with Mrs.Dilling; Geo.Deatherage, Wm.Kullgren and myself - 4 of the 33. Sen.Nye rates over 11 lines; Sen.Reynolds 8 lines; Sen.Taft smeared on 6 pages, and Sen.Wheeler rates 10½ lines. 38 past and present Representatives, and 14 Senators are thus favored on one or more pages.

Thus, altho the scare-type blurb on front cover of "Under Cover" promises the reader: "My four years in the Nazi underworld of America ... The amazing revelations of how Axis agents and our enemies within are now plotting to destroy the United States...", yet the truth is that very little attention is paid to Axis agents. Stress is on smearing and intimidating Congress and Christians who have warned against the dangers in such "isms" as pacificism, internationalism, socialism, communism, nazism, fascism, war-mongering, International Finance, Judaism, Modernism (opposed to acceptance of Bible, of Christ's real teachings, and His return as King), Talmudism, and Nudealism, which is a composite of all said "isms".

Second arm of Intl.Octopus is "UNION NOW". There is definite campaign working thru all possible channels - political, labor, educational, religious, financial, society, etc., selling leaders and public on accepting a departure from our Christian Constitutional Representative Republic, and entering an unholy merger with Britain, China and Russia. Even before war is over - if promoters thereof are fearful of an awakening among the people. Whether you fully appreciate the dire danger in that "sell-out" of our Christian independence, definitely insist that this be fought and investigated - by a Congressional Committee - members to be Christians, for it takes Christians to defend our USA. FDR's only visitors 9-4-43 were Jew A.H.Sulzberger, publisher of N.Y.Times, and Churchill, who 9-6-43 called for "common citizenship" for Britons and Americans alike; and Gov.Dewey of N.Y. says "Amen" at Republican leaders conference at Mackinac Island, Mich., where such traitors were defeated by such as Sen.Taft, the Resolution adopted being OK.

Third great danger arises from campaign selling civilians, and women in particular, on dictatorship - i.e., slavery, wherein different members of a family could be scattered all over the globe. Fantastic? Read hearings before Senate Com. last April - headed by same Sen.Reynolds upon whom so much heat is being poured in "Under Cover" and elsewhere. So-called Republican sponsors for S.666 admit such possibilities. God warned us against that danger by seeing to it that that bill was so numbered. St.John, Rev.XIV, paints

ditions to prevail here at time of setting up in power the Anti-Christ who

will fool even the "elect". Verses 17 & 18: "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six."

How significantly the bill that preceded our entry into this war, by which regimentation to the Nth degree is being put over, carried House No. H.R.1776. See what Repr. Jones warned about Lend-Lease, reported in press 9-2-43. Lend-Lease Act, H.R.1776, undid all and more that 1776 means in our history. How singular that members of the Senate are now promoting S.666 - with its Bible significance - a bill that will complete our destruction as a Christian Constitutional Representative Republic, the way for which was paved by House-originated H.R.1776, made a law in Mch '41. Senate had opportunity to correct the weakness resulting from lack of understanding of fundamental principles at stake in H.R.1776 - but failed. Truly this Congress this Fall offers the last chance to break away from unholy entangling alliances, thru legislative action.

History, as well as Bible, proves that failure to get back to first principles ends in chaos. Witness what happened to previous White Men's civilizations the past 3000 yrs. Christian Lincoln in the WhiteHouse staved off the disintegrating chaos that was planned for USA 100 years ago by same elements that make up the Intl.Octopus today. By so doing, Lincoln softened the blows that continued to fall upon the world. But paid with his life (as did Christ), because he knew too much, had too much Christian courage, and had he lived no doubt would have prevented the Intl.Octopus from using the aftermath of that War to increase its power and tighten its strangle-hold on USA. D e f e a t S.666!

Fourth danger is sensed in a subtle program by which Congress, leaders and people may be sold on doing as England did 3 years ago --- have no 1944 election! Fantastic? It would be easy to make it appear as "patriotic" - to drop the election. Remember AID! from 1938 on predicted no "bonafide" election in 1940. When Socialistic Democrat Willkie (another FDR) was suddenly pulled out of a hat as a "Republican" candidate for President, AID! warned what he was. History has more than confirmed. Today Red press lolligags over Willkie and his book "One World". We exposed now Gov. Dewey, and altho his crassness on his trip out West destroyed his 1940 usefulness (Willkie used instead by Intl.Octopus), yet Dewey served his masters at Mackinac, and is being kept in limelight in reserve. Another stooge, so-called Republican Ex-Gov. Stassen of Minn., likewise is on leash. All for confusion. Recall that such as Willkie, Dewey, et al, favor making "anti-Semitism" a crime. Most important Ann. Jewish Conf. at NYCity, 9-3-43, resolved for organized effort to have "anti-Semitism outlawed" by national legislation and thru international pacts. Jewish & Communist press boast that its been outlawed in Russia since 1917. Anti-Semitic Christians in Russia the past 25 years have been "liquidated" by the millions!

Fall of Mussolini 7-25-43, surrender of Italy 9-8-43 (truce started 9-3), with bulk of German forces on Russian front, creates "apparent" opportunity to land in Western Europe. W. Pegler, 9-8-43, warns against yielding to clamor by Reds for an early 2nd front. Just as AID! predicted pact by Stalin & Hitler (which was only way Germany could seize Poland, France, et al, while Russia gobbled up half of Poland and other countries), so has AID! maintained that after Russia had milked us of materiel (thus robbing us of our own preparedness), then Russia, Germany & Asia would merge forces. Thus could arise the "amazing emergency" that would make it "patriotic" to call off the 1944 elections!

Not long ago I was a "crackpot" for voicing such warning, but in a sense the 2 indictments against me stem from it. How discouraging now at this late date, to read and hear radio comments that maybe Russia is not a true Ally. Some feel that after having landed large forces in Western Europe we will awake to find Russia and Germany have joined. Then how we will mourn the 6,000 tons daily of food and war materiel that we have poured thru Iran alone to Russia. Not to mention the shiploads going thru Japanese waters unmolested. Not to mention costly convoys to Murmansk. Not to mention the terrific damage to our transportation systems. Not to mention the fear of famine. Not to mention the thousands of Communists in key positions thruout our whole political, industrial, labor, financial, religious economy. Not to mention sabotage!

How misleading was the disbanding of the Comintern, when the organization of so-called "Free Committees" has begun, in Moscow, openly advocating civil wars, and so far without informing either the British or U.S. Govts in advance.

May God have mercy and save us from going the full route of chaos that plagues the rest of the world. Congress must undo some of its actions, and prevent Intl.Octopus from completing its programs here - if we are to deserve Divine compassion. C.B.HUDSON,

NEW SMEAR BOOK DONE BY A HACK OF MANY NAMES

Author Is Unmasked as
an Anti-Semite.

The author of a new smear book entitled "Under Cover," purporting to expose fascistic activities in the United States, has been disclosed as Arthur Derounian, a foreign-born hack writer of many aliases.

Derounian hid behind the pseudonym of John Roy Carlson in attempting to escape the blame while collecting royalties for the diatribe against his adopted Americans. But his true identity and his background were brought to light by investigation in various quarters.

By his own admission, Derounian was an editor of the Christian Defender, a violent anti-Semitic publication, and has written anti-Jewish articles in which he referred to the "Yiddish Spittle press" and to "Jew stooges."

Hailed by Red Journals.

His book purports to tell of his several years of snooping into the workings of numerous organizations and his contention that they are plotting to destroy the United States. It has been widely hailed by communist and other left wing publications, but its publishers have been repeatedly warned that it is libelously untrue.

Altho Derounian has admitted that much of his previous writing was untrue, he now asks the public to believe that this time he is writing facts.

According to his own account, Derounian is an Armenian born in Alexandropolis, Greece. He has given his age variously from 27 to 34. To escape conditions from which thousands of Armenians perished, he and his parents emigrated to America in 1921.

At present he is living with his parents at 3436 93d street, Jackson Heights, New York City.

In the parlance of his kind, Derounian is known as a "toomer," a person who accepts odd jobs of writing or investigating to make a few dollars. He has had a variety of jobs, including that of a \$25 a week snooper, but now is employed as an investigator at \$50 a week by the Friends of Democracy.

Haven for Left Wingers.

The organization, a haven for variegated leftists and foreign born villifiers of Americans, is headed by the Rev. Leon M. Birkhead, the Kansas City cleric who once declared the Bible was unfit for youth, who stated publicly that "we need the shock of sex novels," and who advertised his church for rent

and allowed it to be used for Communist meetings.

For a three month period Derounian was employed as a researcher on the staff of Fortune magazine, a connection that brought him across the path of Editor Russell Davenport, who, incidentally, propagandized the ill-fated launching of Wendell Willkie on the national scene.

When Derounian left there he began his double faced career of working both sides of the street insofar as inciting religious prejudice was concerned.

He became associate editor of the Christian Defender, a mimeographed sheet published for a time as the official organ of the Christian Front in New York. From there he moved to the Christian Mobilizers, headed by Joseph McWilliams, where, he continued his anti-Jewish activities, particularly smearing the Jewish press.

Says He Spied on Two.

Much of the information concerning these activities came from Derounian himself as he testified last month at the New York police board trial of a patrolman charged with un-American actions.

Derounian endeavored to excuse his anti-Jewish activities by saying that he joined both the Christian Front and the Christian Mobilizers to spy on their memberships.

He also claimed to have worked as a snooper for the department of justice at a salary of \$25 a week, but the FBI office in New York denied that he ever was one of its regular employees.

Derounian contended in an interview that he never had been married, but his 3-A status in the draft derives from his claim that he is married and has a son, Robert, born April 2, 1939.

Derounian admitted that he has used seven different names. In addition to his real name he has been known by the aliases of George Pagnanelli, by which he identifies himself as a lead character in his book; his pen name of Roy Carlson, and Thomas L. Decker, George Page, John Correa, and Rudolph Eibers.

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'SMEAR'—A DEADLY INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE AND TERRORISM IN THE 'NEW SOCIAL ORDER'

Today in America a vicious instrument known as "the smear" has become a common tool for certain forces that have risen to uncurbed and unrestrained privilege under the soothing tropical climate of what has been misnamed "a New Deal."

This new technique of political flame throwing got its start during the Presidential campaign of 1932, when a book of slander and falsehood about President Hoover was circulated to the public. True — the author of that book later recanted — but its vicious work had been done.

Read the newspaper exposure on this page — a disclosure of almost unbelievable effrontery in authorship and sponsorship — of a new smear book called "Under Cover" which obviously is an early incendiary bomb in the coming hostilities of the 1944 political campaign — a campaign that even now gives promise of an historical struggle between two widely divergent and irreconcilable ideological forces.

In referring to this book as a typical case of attempted "smear" we are not alluding to any statements of fact it may contain (there is never any objection to the publishing of truth and facts) — but here we refer to the deliberate falsehoods that are inside its covers (some of which we shall cite) and to an all inclusive charge that appears on the cover which reads as follows: "The amazing revelation of how Axis agents and our enemies within are now plotting to destroy the United States. . ."

Who is it that is so charged? Inside the cover of this book are the names of outstanding Senators and Congressmen (chosen representatives of the people) — high officers of the United States Army — distinguished citizens of ordinary life who are working and sacrificing to win this war and destroy the unthinkable Axis menace forever — loyal American citizens who hate tyranny and oppression and are striving to preserve those great American traditions which have long been the envy of the whole world — and which today enemies on the "home front" are trying to destroy.

Of course there are crackpots included — to taint and odorize all the other names that this discredited author and his sponsors wished to include — and it is apparent that they wished to include just about everybody who is in a position of leadership in opposition to the radical schemes and doctrines of this new order of Marxian Socialism.

Loyal and reputable citizens are here labeled as "Axis agents and enemies of the United States" — at the mere whim and caprice of a militant group of frustrates who are making a highly profitable profession of this sort of thing.

Labeled by whom? By a furtive, odd-job, hack writer who was born in an alien land (now a part of the Soviet Union) — who had found it necessary to use numerous aliases to cover up his strange and stealthy machinations here — and who, by his own book, stands as a self-confessed imposter — agent-provocateur — and deceiver. He attempts to label those whom his employers do not like as "anti-Semitic" when he himself has been an anti-Semitic rabble rouser.

His pro-Communism is disclosed by checking back into his record. In the November issue of a Communist party-line magazine called "Soviet Russia Today," Derounian (Carlson) had an article lauding the glories of Armenia since it came under the dictatorship rule of Soviet Russia. After the League of Nations failed Armenia, he says, that country "fell into the hands of Armenian nationalists." A terrible fate. But it was soon grabbed by Russia and Derounian gives great credit to Sovietism but stingingly admits that "funds and supplies are continually being sent from America." He lauds the "workers' government" of Sovietism.

By digging back into old radical papers we find him reflecting his dislike for a capitalistic economy (like ours) in "The New Republic" (June 16, 1941). In the "American Mercury" (January 1942) he is discovered with a smear article on "America First."

Church League of America Slogan:

LET'S HOLD ON TO THE AMERICAN WAY

A HIRED HAND FOR BIRKHEAD'S "FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY"

This shadowy author of the smear book "Under Cover"

who, strangely enough, used the Nordic pseudonym of "John Roy Carlson" (although the Armenians are a Semitic tribe) has the real name of Avedis Arthur Derounian. Some of his aliases are George Pagnanelli - George Paige - Thomas L. Decker - John Correa - and Rudolph Eibers.

He has earned his living for the last two years by being on the payroll at \$50 a week of a man by the name of "Rev." Leon M. Birkhead who operates a "political front" known as "Friends of Democracy."

This interesting and significant bit of information came out at a recent trial in New York where Derounian testified as an informer in an unsuccessful attempt to show that a policeman had distributed anti-Semitic literature. Birkhead is treated with tender solicitude in this book - and is given a nice build-up. Of course it was not supposed to be known that the "author" was a Birkhead employe.

There happens to be another tell-tale bit of record, too. There is published a book called "Special Libraries Directory of Greater New York" (Simmons-Boardman Co.). In this book Birkhead listed his "Friends of Democracy" as a special headquarters for information on "anti-democratic propaganda in the United States." He listed five employes for his "Library" of information. They were - Ann Simmons, Mrs. A. Blumgart, Mrs. E. Heil, Ruth Ober and - Arthur Derounian.

WHO IS BIRKHEAD - EMPLOYER OF DEROUNIAN?

The "Rev." Leon M. Birkhead was once a small time Unitarian preacher in Missouri.

Unitarianism apparently was not "liberal" enough for him so he established an independent church at Kansas City which he called "Liberal Center." He advertised his "church" for rent to "groups" and meetings were held there by the American League for Peace and Democracy, which was the most important "front" the Communists had in this country. The "Rev." Birkhead performed the "companionate marriage" for the daughter of the former publisher of a magazine called "The Militant Atheist." Birkhead has long been active in the American Civil Liberties Union which Government report (House) No. 2290 states is "closely affiliated with the Communist movement in the United States."

His "church" at Kansas City was better known to folks in the neighborhood where the little building stood, for socialistic and free thought lectures than for Christian sermons. His "Liberal Center" soon petered out and the "Rev." Birkhead moved to the greener pastures of New York. Here he established himself as a self-appointed guardian for a certain racial group. This proved to be a real gold mine. He picked out certain psychological targets (like Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh) and issued tabloid smear sheets on them that cost thousands and thousands of dollars. The money came from somewhere - and thinking Jewish leaders are greatly worried about the natural reaction that is resulting from the unfortunate work of some of these self-annointed champions of Jewry.

If a "Jewish issue" becomes real in America it will be because embers have been fanned into flames by self-appointed champions who find it to their money-raising advantage to make a mountain out of a molehill. Self-styled professionals in this field - anti-defamation groups - and others who seek to force public opinion with threats and smear will find this the wrong way to handle things in America.

Those who magnify and inflame this racial issue, for personal aggrandizement, are not rendering to Jewry a service - but distinctly a disservice. Those "professional defenders" who send out agent-provocateurs to pose as rabble-raising anti-Semites to inflame this issue are serving as traitors to the cause and the people whom they claim to represent - but whom they badly misrepresent.

How far will thinking Jewish leaders allow this madness to go? They know well that the cause of racial friendship is not being helped by the reckless smearing of reputable citizens - and by such revolting anti-Semitic tactics as those used by Birkhead's hatchet man - Derounian. We have discussed this matter with thinking Jewish leaders and they are becoming alarmed at the increasing public reaction to the reckless, imprudent, hot-headed, and inflammatory acts of the Winchells, the Birkheads and others who stir bitterness with their vituperative broadsides. This is the road to war - not peace.

WILLKIE'S MAN - RUSSELL DAVENPORT!

At the trial of the New York policeman where Derounian ("John Roy Carlson") was testifying as an

"informer," he was also forced to admit that he had been on the payroll of Russell Davenport, one of the editors of the Fortune-Life magazines and one of Mr. Wendell Willkie's chief right hand men. It is interesting, therefore, to note that "John Roy Carlson" (alias this and that) in his book "Under Cover" gives us a little light on the Philadelphia convention where Mr. Willkie was nominated. At the time this was put in the book it was probably not expected that it would ever be divulged that Derounian had been on Mr. Davenport's payroll.

Mr. Davenport (son-in-law of Alma Gluck) seems to play an interesting part in this whole picture. Derounian has admitted that he has worked with Joe McWilliams - once head of an anti-Semitic group known as the "Christian Defenders." Derounian also makes mention in his book "Under Cover" of McWilliams and himself as being present at the Philadelphia Republican Convention at which Russell Davenport (and those he represented) secured by strategy the nomination of Mr. Wendell Willkie. Part of this strategy was a stampede scene - a mob rush for Mr. Willkie at the strategic moment.

From this combination of circumstances some people might even suspect that McWilliams and his "Christian Defender" followers (with whom Derounian, an employe of Davenport, was fraternizing and working) could have been in Philadelphia by pre-arrangement to play a roll in the stampede for Willkie. If there is a Congressional investigation of the background of this book much interesting information may be brought into the open.

Mr. Davenport's role in connection with the book seems to follow through. Derounian has appeared on "The March of Time" program. Derounian's "smear" book has been given a double page display in TIME magazine. A mere suggestion from the editor of LIFE would easily have accomplished this. Davenport, before he became editor of LIFE, was an editor of FORTUNE - and for some reason, not clear at the moment, had Derounian (the mysterious man of many aliases) on his payroll.

TESTIMONIALS FOR "UNDER COVER" TESTIFY AS TO ITS NATURE

Of the ballyhooing testimonials that came out of the "delivery room" with the new born smear book (indicating that it was all a part of the same obstetrical case)

was a puff by Russell Davenport - the same man who had once had the stealthy Derounian do a piece of work for him.

Besides Mr. Davenport's poultice plaster - there were three others supposed to have great pulling power with those who suffer from lame backs and strong gullibility.

One was that of Mr. Walter Winchell - widely known as the "keyhole" gossip man who got an appointment as a naval officer and strutted his gold-braided uniform around New York night clubs until (after much adverse publicity) he was "retired" by Navy officials. Nothing further need be said about Mr. Winchell than to refer all who are interested to a full page story about him in the Washington "Times Herald" (July 26, '42) - and the serial story about him that ran for five issues in the New Yorker. Mr. Winchell sells soap by peddling gossip.

Another testimonial for the book was that of Clifton Fadiman - the "Information Please" radio impressario. Before Mr. Fadiman got into the high income brackets and became an economic royalist he identified himself by writing an article under the heading "How I Came to Communism" which appeared in the Communist magazine, "New Masses," for September, 1932, page 7. He said: "My particular turn to the Left was a simple matter" and then goes on to attribute it to his views on free enterprise. That was just at the beginning of the "more abundant life" for men like Mr. Fadiman - just before the presidential election of 1932.

The fourth of the principal testimonials that were congenial with the book was from Mr. Rex Stout now one of the principal propagandists on the payroll of O.W.I. and at one time a contributing editor to the Communist magazine "New Masses." Mr. Stout is an ardent New Dealer - and very militantly disposed towards those who oppose New Deal schemes. Just before the 1942 election this same Mr. Stout (writer of detective stories) wrote a book called "The Illustrious Dunderheads" in which he undertook to purge 145 Congressmen and 28 Senators who he thought had not shown the proper respect for things New Dealish. Mr. Stout's book was illustrated by one "Gropper" who happens to be the official cartoonist for the Communist "Daily Worker." Just a coincidence, of course. But the line used by Mr. Stout in his purge book, "The Illustrious Dunderheads," is quite identical with the line used by "John Roy Carlson" (alias this and that) in his smear book "Under Cover." Then, too, it was just a coincidence that Mr. Stout (as a New Deal payroller and propagandist) was one of the first to endorse this latest "smear book" since it was written by an employe of the Friends of Democracy of which Stout is a Sponsor. Strange, indeed! Since this is an opening "smear" gun in the 1944 campaign it follows the line of Stout's "purge" efforts in the last campaign - which fell flat.

HOW AN AGENT PROVOCATEUR WORKS

Nearly a year ago "Mr. Pagnanelli" (alias Carlson, alias Decker, alias Paige, alias Correa, alias Eibers) dropped in to see us. He had first written from New York saying he was classified as 1-b and expected to be in the army soon and wanted to see a little of his "Native country" first.

"Mr. Pagnanelli," on his short visit in our office, expressed great concern over the trend of events in this nation with the radicals (and certain racials which he stressed) rising to dominance. He was very much against all of that, he said, and professed to want to do all he could to help curb the growing Communist influence in our nation. This, of course, was false front. He wanted our literature. We gave it to him. It is good, clean, educational material - available to anyone.

He mentioned the "Rev." Birkhead and described the propaganda nature of his activities. We also have his self-condemning letters on this point. He thought we ought to know more about Birkhead (since he had been a minister) and voluntarily offered to send us more information.

That was the sum and substance of the interview. We apparently were a little too pro-American to please him. In his book, on page 510, he says: "Robnett's News and Views are blazing damagologic displays of star-spangled Americanism, dedicated to answering 'What is the American System'." It is not difficult to understand how that kind of American philosophy would be anathema to a contributor to the magazine "Soviet Russia Today."

He couldn't find anything in our literature to criticise more than that so he went a step farther, and using his own flimsy and self-confessed unreliable word as the only confirmation, stated that Mr. Robnett expressed an anti-Semitic attitude. This is a plain, unvarnished and total falsehood. He merely put into Mr. Robnett's mouth the words that he himself uttered - and that he himself had previously espoused in an anti-Semitic sheet which he published. This false and unprovable charge of anti-Semitism is libel, per se. The publisher and all those active in promoting the book have accepted a part of that responsibility.

Congressman Hoffman of Michigan, a few months ago, said of "Pagnanelli's" employers: "By their own utterances, Birkhead and Friends of Democracy, Inc., stand convicted of disloyalty, of being enemies of our country, and that in time of war." Nothing further here need be said about the source of the book - other than to point out that a firm like E. P. Dutton Company doesn't usually take on a book like this by a completely unknown writer without guarantee back of it. There will be more about that later.

"Carlson" or "Pagnanelli" or whatever one may wish to call him is a young man of the draft age. In his book he criticises those connected with the America First organization. But when war was declared, young Douglas Stuart and General Wood immediately went into army service - and are there today. But this author in some way has avoided joining the armed forces to defend our country - and this applies to Mr. Winchell - Mr. Fadiman - and others involved in this book who are growing rich while the boys fight in fox holes.

Winchell, the New York night club statesman, in his column of September 1 said that the Government has bought 5,000 copies of this "smear" book to distribute to camps. We have already suggested that this is an opening gun in the 1944 Presidential campaign - and a Congressional investigating Committee would do well to find out who authorized this purchase to smear Congressmen, Senators and high Army officers before the boys in the camps.

In connection with the logical scope of a possible Congressional investigation of the obvious "smear" conspiracy that is growing bolder and stronger in this country - "Under Cover" is but a cog in a well meshed mechanism. The people should be given a look at how the wheels go round. The Union for Democratic Action, collaborating with the New Republic magazine, carried on a militant "purge" campaign in the 1940 election and have just issued another "purge" sheet as an early shot in the 1944 campaign. It was disclosed that the Research Chief for the U.D.A. in this work was a former organizer of the Communist Party.

This book was written for one main purpose - to exaggerate a racial issue so that it can better be capitalized by its self-appointed professional defenders. A quick run through the book discloses its emphasis and its purpose. It is largely a rehash of Winchell's threadbare wailings recast into a Birkhead mold. It attempts to make a python out of a gartersnake in order to frighten those who thus are made to believe they are being persecuted and threatened by a monster. Most of the crackpot stuff it rehashes is dead and buried history - but it says nothing about the radical Leftists who are riding in power and who are the real threat to our "American system."

An organized Leftist movement is clearly back of this book. The alleged author did the stool pigeon and leg work. Others did the polishing. Its mediocrity is relieved here and there with the unmistakable footprints of two or three well known Leftist writers. Its sponsorship is definitely Leftist.

"Under Cover" (through its sponsors) attempts to turn attention away from the powerful Communist movement in America by shoveling out a lot of dead cats. It attempts to construct a hobgoblin by digging up bones from a graveyard. It tries to pump life into individuals, organizations and issues that are discredited, dead and buried, by parading the Pelleys and the Kuhns (long out of circulation) in a reckless attempt to smear others whom they do not like. All of this is typical Communistic technique. It is the true spirit of the "new order." The influence that hovers over this book is clearly the bearded and ghostly shadow of Karl Marx.

BUT NOW THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG - "Under Cover's" backers come into the open. After much fuss and furor had given the book a curiosity appeal and the cream of a public sale had been skimmed, the real skeleton in the closet began to rattle its bones.

The Communist magazine "New Masses" devoted its full back cover page (Aug. 31 and Sept. 7) to an announcement that the "BOOK FIND CLUB" had chosen "Under Cover" as its September selection. The "Book Find Club" is a creature of the Socialistic-Communist hierarchy that nests at the 112 East 19th street headquarters for radicalism. Nearby is the new Greenwich Village branch of Birkhead's "Friends of Democracy." This region is known as the Union Square "Red" center of America.

Immediately the book was published the Communist and Socialist press got behind it with vigor and obvious pre-arranged purpose. The "Daily Worker" - "New Masses" - "The New Leader" - "PM" - "The New Republic" and the whole net-work of radical (anti-free enterprise) mouth pieces (and radio demagogues of the same stripe) began to ballyhoo the book with feverish and fatherly affection.

New Book Exposes Dies, Coughlin, Others

Daily Worker

Fascist Link to Congress Defeatist!

NEW MASSES

BOOK FIND CLUB

ANNOUNCES

"UNDER COVER"

AS ITS SEPTEMBER SELECTION

A Message to Book Find Club from Author reads:

SABOTAGE!

I am not surprised that attempts are being made to sabotage the distribution of UNDER COVER through lies, threats and intimidation. Nor am I surprised at the tactics. They are familiar enough to a reporter who has spent four and a half years in the fascist underworld. Before Pearl Harbor these same tactics were used to sabotage national defense. They are at work today, not only in the matter of seeking unsuccessfully to suppress a book, but in obstructing our war effort through rumor mongering, defeatism and carping of our leadership. Tomorrow the agenda calls for the sabotage of a just, democratic peace based on international defeatism.

It is the function of my book to show precisely how the saboteurs of a democratic order have worked in the past and may be expected to work in the future.

I have learned that the thought of compromise is sheer suicide. One can no more hope to do business with fascism than one can expect a rattler to withdraw its poison when it strikes. Some of those in high office still need to learn what those of us have learned in our direct and brutal contact with the sworn enemies of democracy.

But until that happy day . . . when our official agencies have learned the true nature of the enemy within, its aims and methods and ultimate objectives . . . those of us who cherish the true democratic ideal and seek to preserve for America its traditions and aspirations, have but one honorable task: To Fight. To fight the insidious menace which yesterday flaunted the swastika in Bund parades and Bund camps, but today bears a respectable "Made in America" tag. Not foreign fascism, but the American home-made, home-bred specie; that is the psychological enemy within which drapes itself in the folds of our flag and the Constitution, using sly and sly precisely as used by Hitler, Mussolini and Major Vidkun Quisling. With our quising enemies at home there ought to be no compromise but the battle cry: "Unconditional Surrender!"

CHANGE THE WORLD

SOVIETS

OVER NAZISM—FASCISM

By MIKE GOLD

John Roy Carlson

August 12th, 1943

WHAT IS BOOK FIND CLUB?

A group of people with an idea to find a book each month to "find" a book.

BOOK FIND CLUB

112 East 19th St.
New York City 3, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please enroll me as a member of Book Find Club. You will mail me the Book Find selection each month for which I will pay the special membership price of \$1.25 (plus 10¢ handling charges), if I keep it. If not, I will return the book in 5 days. I agree to purchase a minimum of 4 books a year.

Name _____

Another lie! - On page 256 the book charges that Senator Brooks, in his last campaign, spoke in Rockford before a gathering of 50,000 Klansmen. This political canard has been completely exploded. The meeting before which Senator Brooks spoke was the Trask Picnic - a Grange meeting of farmers that has met regularly for many years. In reading three pages of the book we have found three deliberate falsehoods.

Only one other comment about the book now. Howard Vincent O'Brien, writing in the Chicago Daily News, pronounces it about as interesting as a city directory. He goes on to say: "The ease with which the author circulated in the political underworld makes one wonder if he ever really traveled from his own library."

Beneath My Lamp

BY LEE CASEY

Autobiography of a Rat

The most amazing aspect of "Under Cover" by John Roy Carlson (E. P. Dutton, \$2.50) is, first, that it was published by a reputable house and, second, that it is endorsed and recommended by Russell Davis, editor of the Luce publications.

This book purports to be an expose of subversive organizations dangerous to the war effort - this time Nazis and Fascists, although the author in the concluding chapter states his opinion that Communists and other radicals are equally dangerous. Actually, the book itself represents subversiveness of the worst sort.

Mr. Carlson—the name is fictitious—represents himself as an Armenian immigrant. In 1933 he was shocked, he now says, by the murder in New York of an archbishop of the Armenian Church. Five full years later, because of this alleged motivation, he decided it was his patriotic duty to join and take part in the activities of the Bund and other groups spreading anti-Semitism and challenging the American way of life. He had no official connection, and advances as the only possible excuse that he had applied for, and failed to get, a job on Fortune magazine.

His own personal narrative is revolting. He attended secret and public meetings of the Bund, applauded all Fascist speakers, sold anti-Semitic pamphlets on the streets, sought to prove his devotion to the Nazi cause by calling upon hoodlums to attack Jews—he "turned his head away." More, he himself, under an assumed name of course, even became George Pagnanelli, editor and publisher of the Christian Defender, one of the most extreme of the Nazi propaganda organs. Thus far, this is the story of a sneak and a spy. A time when loyal citizens were fighting these Nazi schemers in the open, Mr. Carlson was devoting his time and energy to furthering their campaigns in the dark.

Now comes the smear. In naming the subversive organizations with which he was affiliated, Mr. Carlson lists the America First Committee right along with the German-American Bund. By implication and often by direct statement, he insists that the activities of Henry Ford and of Fritz Kuhn were equally subversive in together indiscriminately.

At the very time when national unity is most necessary, this sort of book is calculated to cause disunity by challenging the loyalty of patriotic men and women whose views on foreign policy differed from those of the administration before Pearl Harbor. Some of these men and women, and not a few of their sons, have died for the national cause since that attack was made. To challenge their loyalty is infamous. The author of "Under Cover," by his own account, is shameless. But the publishers, as a reputable house, should be deeply ashamed of this book.

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The New York Daily News—Mouthpiece of the Disloyal Opposition

Before December 7, 1941, the America First Committee was the rallying ground for the American Fascist movement.

From Joe McWilliams in New York to Hermann Schwinn in California, the Fascists extolled Lindbergh as America's "man on a white horse." Father Charles E. Coughlin urged readers of *Social Justice* to invade the Committee; Elizabeth Dilling marched her women to Washington to urge Congress to follow the America First line.

In Wichita, Kansas, E. J. Garner praised Lindbergh for calling "a spade a spade." In California, Coughlinite groups and the German American Bund practically closed up shop so that their members might work for America first.

Although the action of the Japs at Pearl Harbor resulted in the dissolution of General Wood's America First Committee, it did not destroy Fascism in the United States. It merely wrecked its medium of expression.

The Fascists were still Fascists. So they went shopping for another "respectable" front.

Joseph Medill Patterson's *New York Daily News*, which still clung to the "patriotic" slogan, "America First," looked like a likely, and friendly,

prospect. The Fascists wrote letters to Mr. Patterson. Soon his letters-to-the-editor column reeked with notes like this: "The millions who love the truth... love and listen to Father Coughlin."

THE FASCISTS WORK FOR PATTERSON

The Nazi-Fascist recognition of Patterson as a fellow traveler dates back to 1939 when the *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*, organ of the German American Bund, praised the *New York Daily News* for saying Danzig was not "worth the life of a single Englishman" or of one French "poilu."

The affection became more pronounced as the war in Europe advanced. During the last few months of 1941, nearly every issue of the *Deutscher Weckruf* praised or reprinted one or more editorials from Patterson's paper. The last four issues carried five editorials from the *Daily News*, a plug for Danton Walker's column in the *Daily News*, and a paragraph praising the *News* in general.

Other Nazi-Fascist organs were quick to follow the *Weckruf's* lead. Besides the Bund paper, those who praised the *Daily News* and reprinted its

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editorials include:

1. *Roll Call*, a magazine edited by William Dudley Pelley of Indianapolis, Indiana. Pelley is now serving a jail sentence for sedition.
2. *Publicity*, a newspaper published by E. J. Garner of Wichita, Kansas. Garner has been indicted three times by Federal grand juries and is now standing trial in Washington on charges of conspiring to commit sedition.
3. *America In Danger*, a news bulletin edited by Charles Hudson of Omaha, Nebraska. Hudson, too, has been indicted three times for sedition and is now standing trial in Washington.
4. *The Defender*, a magazine edited by Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas. Winrod is now on trial for conspiring to commit sedition.
5. *X-Ray*, a newspaper edited by Court Asher of Muncie, Indiana. Asher is under two Federal indictments for sedition.
6. *America Speaks*, a newspaper edited by William Kullgren of Atascadero, California. Kullgren is under two indictments for sedition.
7. *The Broom*, a newspaper edited by C. Leon de Aryan of San Diego, California. De Aryan is under two indictments for sedition.
8. *Social Justice*, a newspaper published by Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Michigan. *Social Justice* was discontinued after it was held to be "obviously seditious."
9. *Scribner's Commentator* of New York and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Ralph Townsend, one of its editors, was convicted as a Japanese agent. (This is not a Charles Scribner's publication.)
10. *The Brooklyn Tablet*, a newspaper edited by Patrick Scanlan in Brooklyn, New York. Scanlan is a follower of Father Charles E. Coughlin and was a Christian Front leader.
11. *The Gaelic American* of New York City. This paper features a column by Edward Lodge Curran, a leader of the Christian Front and Coughlin's personal representative in the East.
12. *The Cross and the Flag*, a magazine edited by Gerald L. K. Smith at Detroit, Michigan. Smith, once a member of William Dudley Pelley's storm-trooping Silver Shirts and an old friend of Coughlin's, has organized a nationwide America First Party which threatens to be a powerful force for super-nationalism in the coming Presidential election.
13. and 14. *The American Vindicator* and *The National Record*, newspapers published by

Senator Robert Rice Reynolds in Washington, D. C. Reynolds has inserted into the Congressional Record a speech by Gerald Winrod and an editorial from Domenico Trombetta's *Il Grido della Stirpe*. Winrod is under indictment for sedition, and Trombetta has been denaturalized, interned as an enemy alien, and is under indictment for failure to register as an agent of the Italian government.

15. *The Malist*, a news bulletin edited by F. H. Sattler of Meriden, Connecticut. *The Malist* is filled with references to "Masonic conspiracies" and "atheistic Jews."

16. *Peace Now* literature published in New York City. Headed by George W. Hartmann, the *Peace Now* Movement is calling for an immediate negotiated peace with Hitler.

17. *America Preferred*, a small magazine edited by Carl Mote in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mote is an anti-Semite who has collaborated with most of the pro-Fascists in the mid-West.

It was *The Cross and the Flag* that told just how America's "vermin press" feels about Joe Patterson: "The *New York Daily News* is the largest daily newspaper in America. On many matters their editorial policy is in substantial agreement with the editorial policy of *The Cross and the Flag*. Perhaps no two men in America are doing more to hold back the tide of internationalism, Red Communism and bureaucratic Fascism, than Capt. Patterson who runs the *New York News* and Col. McCormick who runs the *Chicago Tribune*." And Edward James Smythe, who is on trial in Washington for conspiracy to commit sedition, summed it up further by saying: "For Truth and Justice, read the *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Times-Herald*, and *New York Daily News* editorials."

...AND PATTERSON IS USEFUL TO THE FASCISTS

Now Patterson hasn't repulsed the Nazi-Fascist overtures. His editorials have never denounced the "vermin press"; he has never, to our knowledge, asked the pro-Nazi press to stop using his editorials for their propaganda purposes. Patterson, on the other hand, has made some overtures himself.

On December 15, 1938, the *New York Daily News* reprinted almost in full the text of William Dudley Pelley's "list of Jews" in the government. The story, which covered three very precious,

crowded pages, listed about 300 "Jews" — including William C. Bullitt, Frances Perkins, Leon Henderson, Cordell Hull, and Heywood Broun. The story was written by Patterson's Washington correspondent, John O'Donnell.

After Pearl Harbor, Patterson not only retained John O'Donnell, but he printed O'Donnell's column, "Capitol Stuff," five days a week instead of one day a week. This despite the fact that O'Donnell was quoted as saying: "The Nazis have done a lot of good things... certain elements needed cleaning up in Germany."

It was also after Pearl Harbor that Patterson extolled the work of James J. McCourt, Queens Coughlinite, who petitioned Congress to remove Mayor LaGuardia as city defense director. In 1942 the *New York Daily News* featured a series of articles designed to clear Ham Fish of the charges that he had worked with the Nazi agents, George Sylvester Viereck and Frederick Auhagen.

As Patterson's editorials paralleled more and more closely the Axis propaganda line, the letters-to-the-editor column, "Voice of the People," developed a definite pro-Fascist trend. Known pro-Fascists and anti-Semites such as John Geis, Allan Wells, and Lambert Fairchild began to pop up in the column. When *Social Justice* was barred from the mail, the letters jumped to the defense of Coughlin. G. H. Quinn wrote: "The attempt to silence Father Coughlin looks very much like a sore-head squawk to me. The interventionists clamored loudly for war. Now that they have it, and it is not going any too well for them... they want to vent their spleen via the gag method." After the 33 persons were indicted on charges of sedition, the letters-to-the-editor suddenly became concerned over "freedom of speech."

These letters foreshadowed a Patterson editorial stand. In July, 1942, just after the alleged seditionists were indicted, Patterson intimated that they were victims of the "gag method." And on February 7, 1943, he came out squarely in their defense. "It all began with the gagging of Father Coughlin," Patterson wrote, "who was thrown off the air because what he said offended a lot of people." According to Patterson, those indicted for sedition aren't seditionists at all — they are "publishers of small anti-Administration sheets."

In January, 1944, the Department of Justice secured another indictment. This one charged 30 persons with conspiring with German officials to

set up a Nazi government in the United States. Although Patterson's editorials have not taken a stand on this indictment, the letters-to-the-editor are still clamoring in the same vein. "Phoney sedition trials, purges and persecutions," one letter said, "are the order of the day for anyone who disagrees with the Administration." Another said: "In 1940, 27,404,235 people voted for Browder, Roosevelt, Thomas and Aiken... everyone of these voters ought to be indicted for conspiring to establish Nazism in the United States. Why bother with 30 persons and ignore 27 million plus?"

Patterson further showed how he feels about the alleged seditionists early this year when one of his editorials came to the defense of James LeRoy Drew. Drew, a New York patrolman, temporarily was suspended from his post for un-American activities. His "alleged offense," Patterson brushed the whole matter off by saying, "consisted in not liking Jews." Actually, Drew *had been associated with nine persons who are under indictment for conspiracy to commit sedition and undermine the morale of the armed forces of the United States.*

One of Patterson's latest overtures to the Nazi-Fascists is the boost he gave to the *Peace Now* Movement. A recent editorial began: "John O'Donnell in his 'Capitol Stuff' Washington Column the other day had an amusing item from some organization..." The "amusing item" turned out to be a quotation from *Peace Now*, the movement that is calling for an immediate negotiated peace with Hitler and Hirohito.

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Meanwhile, the letters-to-the-editor column boosted the latest crusade of the more rabid negotiated peacers. Don't buy War Bonds, these people say. And the *New York Daily News* letter says: "I've just kicked a War Bond salesman out of my house with these remarks: 'Do you realize how our War Bond money is being squandered, you stupid Jackass? Get the hell out of here!'"

HITLER ECHOES PATTERSON Ever since 1941, the Berlin shortwave radio has been reading the *New York Daily News* editorials to the American people. Quoting Joseph Patterson as an authority, Hitler has tried to prove that Roosevelt was "pulling us into war," that Roosevelt should be impeached, that the British started the war, that the Atlantic Charter is a "statement of the joint philosophy of (two) dictators," that Russia is going to doublecross us at the first opportunity.

Just as Patterson feels that the sedition indictments will set "precedents for moving against larger anti-Administration publishers," Hitler's shortwave contends that the *New York Daily News* is "being persecuted by the Roosevelt administration." The *New York Daily News*, Berlin said, is a "true American paper . . . representing the majority of the American people."

...AND PATTERSON PARALLELS HITLER Just as Hitler "discovered" the *New York Daily News* in 1941, Patterson's paralleling of Hitler dates back to pre-Pearl Harbor days.

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Before December 7, 1941, the *Daily News* publisher told us Hitler was no menace. Thirteen days before Pearl Harbor, he ran an editorial entitled, "Come on — Let's Appease Japan."

After the Japanese attack and the German declaration of war, Patterson didn't change his mind. He called Roosevelt a dictator, insisted that the Administration would cancel elections for the duration, and declared that there was no difference between our Four Freedoms and Hitler's "Geopolitics."

Patterson has said that we could stop fighting Hitler now, that a victorious Russia would be as great a menace to the United States as a victorious Hitler, that the British are likely to get us "into more and bigger wars." Patterson reveals his attitude toward China in editorials about "Asiatic hordes" which he expects will be "spilling over here" after the war and "helping themselves to our living space, raw materials and women."

While the nation has been clamoring for the unconditional surrender of the Axis, Patterson has been saying that unconditional surrender is a bad thing. It will only prolong the war, he says. It isn't pacifism that motivates Patterson's clamor for a negotiated peace, for we'll always have wars — that's human nature, he says. But he keeps right on denouncing unconditional surrender and implying that we should negotiate a peace.

At least three times Patterson has held over our heads the bogey of revolution. If the 1942 elections had been called off (no one suggested that they would be called off except Patterson and Lindbergh), he said there would have been an "attempted or actual revolution." Patterson feared that there would be a "revolution" if the Ruml Plan was not adopted by Congress. But Patterson became most heated in discussing the Four Freedoms. If "these dreams" are brought "into cold, solid reality after the war," he wrote, "they will fan up a fight in this country which will make the recent isolationist-interventionist fight look like a mere warm-up."

As Hitler said to Rauschning: "We will find men to do our work, everywhere. We won't even have to buy them. They'll come looking for us driven by ambition, by partisan discord, by blindness, by pride and by hatred."

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The Rising Tide of Nationalism

Gerald L. K. Smith, rabble-rouser and head of the America First Party, has been trying to swing the Republican Party toward isolationism, super-nationalism and America Firstism. During the Republican convention in Chicago recently, he and 2,000 followers stormed the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Stevens in Chicago. At this meeting Smith boasted, "We took this place by force, and this is only the beginning." Then Smith shouted, "This is old-fashioned Americanism in the raw. This is the kind of Americanism that is going to take over the Republican Party or start a new Nationalist Party." In his two-hour harangue, Smith warned that the Republican candidate would not have the support of the America Firsters unless he subscribed fully to their isolationist principles.

Smith roared, "I think we ought to take a few million internationalists on the seaboard and send them back where they came from when this war is over." Smith thundered his praise of Col. Robert R. McCormick of the *Chicago Tribune* and Senator Robert Rice Reynolds,

chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Then Smith warned the Republicans, "If the G.O.P. doesn't apologize for this business, (trying to keep me out of the Stevens Hotel) we will start a great new Nationalist Party and we will get someone like Charles A. Lindbergh to run the country."

Unfortunately, Smith, the ex-Silver Shirts, Huey Long man, and friend of the Ku Klux Klan, is not working alone. The "nationalists" have been solidifying their forces in various parts of the country, and it looks as if, for the first time, they are going to be successful in pulling a merger.

In Washington Senator Reynolds, who has been closely associated with a number of those now on trial for sedition, has set up a new organization called the American Nationalists' Committee of Independent Voters. This outfit, of which Reynolds is "Temporary National Chairman," will have an organization in every state, the

Senator says, and will distribute literature, petitions, letters and radio addresses until the 1944 political campaign ends.

In New York William J. Goodwin's Coughlinite American Rock Party is going full steam ahead, with Goodwin cooperating with the anti-Roosevelt American National Democratic Committee on the side. Edward Lodge Curran, another Coughlin's lieutenants in the East, is still busy holding meetings which denounce internationalism and the British and call for "America First."

Chicago, still the seat of isolationism and super-nationalism, has its Citizens U.S.A. Committee, its Republican Nationalist Revival Committee, its Constitutional Americans. And, most alarming of all, its *Chicago Tribune*.

These movements in various parts of the country fit together like a jig-saw puzzle. Gerald L. K. Smith says that he has been conferring at length with Robert Rice Reynolds and that Reynolds "has agreed to make a nationwide speaking tour under our auspices early this fall." Smith is a friend of long standing of the various "nationalist" groups in Chicago. According to the press, Smith recently conferred with William Goodwin of the American Rock Party and the American Democratic National Committee. And of course Curran will swing along with his Coughlinite friends.

Meanwhile the "newspaper Axis" is in there pitching. The *Chicago Tribune* can always be counted on. The *New York Daily News*, always a good morale builder for the super-nationalist front, officially joined the mob when it gave Reynolds permission to reprint from it at length in the Senator's new newspaper, the *American Nationalist*. And William Randolph Hearst's newspaper chain can be counted on to come through for the "nationalists." Two full pages of Reynold's new newspaper were printed through the "courtesy" of Hearst's two New York newspapers, the *Mirror* and the *Journal-American*.

There have been many rumors about whom this coali-

tion of America Firsters will support for President this fall. Both Reynolds and Smith have threatened to run. The coalition has been trying desperately to high-pressure both the Republican and Democratic Parties into nominating "America First" candidates. If either of the major parties would nominate a "nationalist," the coalition has promised support. If both parties nominate "internationalists," the America Firsters will run a third party candidate of their own. Who that third party nominee would be is anybody's guess. ✓

✓ We the "Mothers" Mobilize

Under the auspices of *We, the Mothers Mobilize for America*, a group of some two hundred so-called "Mothers" gathered in a shabby cause on June 12th and 13th in Chicago's Hotel Hamilton. They came from about 15 states to demand an immediate negotiated peace. They were a far cry from the titles oratorically bestowed on them from the platform: "Queens," "Consecrated Motherhood," "Sovereign People!" But they did have in common a sheep-like quality and a well schooled capacity for hatred. They hate Jews, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin. They do not hate Hitler, Tojo or Mussolini. They have been taught that the latter are the victims of the former. They hate Communism, but do not hate Fascism. They have been taught that Jews, Roosevelt, Willkie, Churchill and Stalin are synonymous with Communism. They have been handed glib and high-sounding patriotic slogans which add up to Fascism.

The "Mothers" lap up what they are told without discrimination. From Marguerite Cummings, San Diego, California, they learned that this war and the last were caused by a handful of "International Bankers," in order to control the gold of the world. This was greeted with shrieking applause. Next they were given a dose of history which made the British Empire the arch conspirator, and this they received with the same howls of enthusiasm.

Many of the long-established, notorious "Mothers"

Carl Piess says this is Wm. Q. Grace's Committee to keep America out of the war. Can't attendance up to 2000 every Friday night in Chicago. Secretary is Earl Southard who is also organizer for Gerald L. K. Smith.

groups were represented. Mrs. Lucinda Bengé, of Mothers of Sons Forum, Cincinnati, handled the publicity. Beatrice Knowles, whose American Mothers of Detroit help to swell the Gerald L. K. Smith meetings, was present. Also Blanche Winters who runs another outfit in Detroit, the Women's Legion of the Blue Cross. Mrs. David Stanley brought seven strident women of the United Mothers from Cleveland. There were members from Earl Southard's Citizens U.S.A. Committee, William Grace's Republican Nationalist Revival Committee, and George Foster's Constitutional Americans, all Chicago nationalist organizations. These super-patriots lead a busy life, running from one meeting to another. Mary Leach, who is Foster's wife, and also Lizzie Dilling's secretary, was there.

Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, head of We, the Mothers, is somewhat superior to the rest. She is a good artist, expert at swaying a crowd. She is given to expressive poses, dramatic exits and entrances and attractive changes of costume, all of which the "Mothers" adore. Her leadership was shown when it came to endorsing a Presidential candidate. Some of the "Mothers" wanted a strong "Nationalist," even if it meant a third party. Mrs. Agnes Waters, crack-pot of long standing, wanted the endorsement herself. But Mrs. Van Hyning intended that they should endorse Bricker. Which they did with some fire-works, "provided he go on record for nationalism and against internationalism." There were some angry mutterings that Mrs. Van Hyning was politically ambitious and looking out for her own future.

There was a lot of praying included in the ceremonies, as well as flag saluting and the singing of religious and patriotic songs. The rest of the time the "Mothers" devoted to hating. The term, Jew, was not used officially; instead, "International Bankers," "Alien-minded," "Orientals." A lot of heated talk went on about impeaching the President, but this was not included in the final formal resolutions. Besides the Bricker endorsement, the following resolutions were passed:

An immediate negotiated peace, with a six months cooling off period before terms were made. (The At-

lantic war was unjustified and the Atlantic Charter had already been negated by concessions to Russia.)

Immediate court-martial of Kimmel and Short.

Restriction of refugees for ten years so that jobs may be saved for our returning boys from the "alien-minded" who were feeding off the fat of the land while our boys were fighting.

Amendment of the sedition law under which the "patriotic" Americans are being tried in Washington. (The announcement of the Supreme Court decision, reversing the Hartzell conviction, received an ovation. The "Mothers" also hailed lawyer Henry H. Klein as a hero. His opening defence speech to the Federal Jury was read. He, too, believes in the Jewish-Communist plot, headed by Harold Laski and Felix Frankfurter. Mrs. Bengé described in lurid detail the "Gestapo" proceedings at the sedition trial.)

The dreary delegates were told that they had made history, and they were sent home to form new groups, ring door-bells in a house-to-house campaign and to besiege Congress with letters and telegrams. The menace of the gathering lies in the elements of hatred and sadism represented. Some four hundred such native Fascist "Mothers" groups and committees are said to be operating throughout the country, each bent on undermining home morale and sabotaging a decent and durable peace.

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Black MAIL

From time to time a really important book on the Fascist movement in America hits the stands. This was true of Lewis Browne's *See What I Mean Milestone* and John Roy Carlson's *Under Cover*. About July 4 another book—different from the rest but equally important—will go on sale. It is *Black MAIL*, a thrilling personal adventure story by Henry Hoke, the man who has done more than any one person in the United States to expose the abuse of the mails by Nazi propagandists.

Mr. Hoke's new book is a simple, chronological account of his fight against abuse of the mails. He began by attacking German Nazis—citizens of the Third Reich—who were stationed in this country to spread Hitler propaganda. Soon he found out about George Sylvester Viereck, an American in the employ of the Nazis. Viereck's trail led to the halls of Congress where a handful of bitter isolationists were being used to blanket the country with propaganda made in Berlin.

July 4 is an appropriate date for the release of *Black MAIL*. On July 4 just four years ago Mr. Hoke received

his first newspaper publicity for his fight against the Nazis. This year he is releasing his book, which should be read by every American who cherishes the ideals symbolized by Independence Day.

Walter Winchell, who read *Black MAIL* in manuscript, commented: "Lucky is the publisher who gets Henry Hoke's newest sizzler." John Roy Carlson said: "It is a sobering truth to those who dismiss native fascists as 'mere crackpots.' *Black MAIL* is must reading for those who want to think for themselves."

(For advance copies of *Black MAIL*—The Inside Story of the Campaign to Disrupt America—How It Was Planned—How It Operates—What It Is Doing, order through *The Reporter*, 17 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. 8½" x 11", Paper Bound, \$1.00. Book Style, \$2.00.)

Miss Frances Sweeney

We announce with deep sorrow the death of Miss Frances Sweeney, editor of the *Boston City Reporter* and Executive Secretary of the American Irish Defense Association. Miss Sweeney was an understanding and fighting Liberal. She knew all the implications of the "anti" propagandas and she fought against these propagandas with great courage and with profound understanding. Her passing leaves a great vacant space against the sky. She inspired all of us who work in behalf of democratic civilization. She has left us a rich heritage. It is our hope that many Bostonians will take up the fight in behalf of democratic civilization in her name.

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John T. Flynn and the Dashnags

Frantically trying to sabotage the sedition trial and smear witnesses, the McCormick-Patterson press axis has now resorted to the use of lies lifted direct from fascist files. Writing in the *Washington Times-Herald*, John T. Flynn, ex America Firster, has attacked John Roy Carlson, Armenian-born author of *Under Cover*, and prospective Government witness in the sedition trial. Flynn has based his article almost exclusively on the time-worn web of lies concocted by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, also known as Dashnag, with headquarters in Boston. This revolutionary gang with a long record of terrorist-fascist activity, is negligible in number but well organized. It is thoroughly discredited in the eyes of Americans of Armenian origin, the overwhelming majority of whom are loyal and law-abiding citizens grateful to the U.S.A.

Flynn's masterpiece of distortion is proving popular with native fascists. It is being circulated widely in Chicago at meetings of We, the Mothers Mobilize and other defeatist groups identified with the Bund, Silver Shirt and Coughlinite mentality. Flynn's smear-piece has been picked up by Gerald L. K. Smith, boosted in the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Brooklyn Tablet* in a futile attempt to offset the searing effects of *Under Cover*. And the bulk of Flynn's "facts"—flimsy, picayune, irrelevant half-truths, distortions and outright lies—came direct from Armenian fascist circles in Boston.

In accepting the usual trash from the Dashnag kitchens of journalistic rot, Flynn has insulted all American Armenians (except the criminally-minded Dashnag)

and committed the sacrilege of terming their martyred Prelate a "Communist agent." Flynn has whitewashed the sordid Dashnag record and called it "patriotic." Dashnags' Nazi sympathies are clearly shown in this sample quotation from the Sept. 17, 1936 issue of their Armenian-language organ, *Hairenik*, edited daily by propaganda chief, Reuben Darbinian:

Italy has not only become regenerated by Fascism, but has become an empire-nation, and today is reckoned as a military power in international politics. Germany has not only become regenerated by Hitlerism, but has turned her face to the East, and displays her fist to Moscow. . . . Hitlerism and Fascism, which are the stepsons of Bolshevism, and begotten by it, are its gift to mankind, know where they are going. Germany has found her element, Russia has lost it (translation):

In order to understand the role of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF), it is necessary briefly to review Armenian history, for ARF misdeeds in America are rooted in the ideologies it fostered in the stormy, feud-infested underworld of the Near East.

Dashnags as Revolutionists

The Dashnags are a secret political society of self-styled "Socialist-Revolutionists" founded in 1890 in the Caucasus in order to liberate Armenians from Turkish oppression. Its form was (and is) oligarchic and its members subject to strict militaristic discipline. Instead of resorting to the ballot or constitutional methods, the ARF determined to "achieve political and economic freedom by means of rebellion," and "terrorize Government officials, betrayers and all sorts of oppressors." According to of-



The unusual emblem in current use by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, showing a quill, spade, dagger and flag. Terrorism against fellow Armenians has played a leading role in Dashnag politics since its inception in 1890.

ficial Dashnag publications (from which these excerpts have faithfully been made) it proceeded to "form fighting bands" and "use every means to arm the people." *Droshag*, official ARF organ, reporting on a party Congress at Geneva, summed it up as follows:

Expressions of revolutionary tactics—general rebellion, armed resistance to the forces of government, wide political terrorism, projects of revolutionary demonstrations, armed popular self-defense, political and economic strikes, peasant and labor movements—all of these, cultivated and unified in their minutest details, shall constitute the totality of the system of a modus operandi by which the party is to achieve its program in life (translation).

Dashnags as Political Terrorists

"Should we continue terrorism or not?" party leaders asked in an official booklet, and answered the query: "After a few successful operations, thanks to the terroristic disposition of the leading elements, the party eventually completely adopted Terrorism." Terror and intimidation were used as instruments indispensable to "political warfare" precisely as later used by Nazi Brownshirts. Terrorism was directed mainly against Armenians, and few who opposed the ARF were spared, whether laymen or holy priests. Dashnags—as did Russian Nihilists of the time—lived in a world of total hate and revenge.

I. Jamharian was a wealthy Armenian who refused to contribute. He "fell under the blows of a dagger . . . in broad daylight in the courtyard of the Armenian Church, in the presence of a great throng," wrote M. Varandyan, Dashnag historian. Death sentences were decreed by the Central Committee and were detailed to the "Terroristic Body of the ARF," experts in political murder regionally located. A dagger (Dashnag, which is the abbreviation for the Armenian word Federation, itself means dagger) was the most frequent instrument used. *Droshag* widely publicized acts of terrorism and triumphantly ended its reports with: "The terrorists are at large." In one instance a killer was caught and executed; *Droshag* lamented the death of "that noble soul." In Sept. 16, 1933, *Hairenik*, Dashnag mouthpiece of Boston, reaffirmed the traditional policy of terror:

... Another effected practice was the intimidation of prominent men in order to obtain financial support. Those who refused were "put on the spot." In fact, it was very similar to the underground methods of modern racketeering, except that its goal was noble.

By a curious twist of diplomacy, the ARF became rulers for about two years (1918-20) of the territory now comprising Soviet Armenia. Being used to revolutionary methods, however, they failed as administrators. They engaged in a series of expansionist wars which ended disastrously. Torn by dissension, famished, decimated and also threatened by Turkey, the populace welcomed Bolshevik rule which promised "bread and peace." After purloining the national treasury Dashnag leaders were ousted from power.

Terrorism in America

Armenians in America, while not gratified with Soviet rule, are content to see age-long massacres ended and Turkey, the dread Mohammedan enemy, held at bay. A degree of religious tolerance has been granted to the Holy See of the Armenian Church in St. Etchmiadzin in the shadow of Mt. Ararat, enabling it to hold elections, appoint bishops and keep alive the flame of Christianity "in the hope," as expressed by Bishop Mazloumian of Greece, "that tomorrow may have something better in store for us."

Since their ousting, exiled Dashnag leaders have entered into a web of intrigue with any power which promised to place them in the saddle again. In 1933 Hitler lavishly promised everything to everybody, and looked with particular favor on any disgruntled clique which could pave the way for his *drang nach osten* policy of reaching the Caucasian oil fields. Early in 1933 Dashnags suddenly revived their cult of the "tricolor"—its red, orange and blue party flag. In mass revivalist meetings, marked with wild religious frenzy, they worshipped the defunct flag of a defunct regime.

On July 1, 1933, Archbishop Leon Tourian, Primate of the Armenian Church in North and South America, refused to speak at Armenian Day at the Chicago Fair unless the Dashnag tricolor was removed. He demanded that only the American flag appear; the audience voted overwhelmingly in his favor. From then on the infuriated ARF press denounced the Archbishop as a "traitor" and a "Soviet agent."

At an outing in August, 1933, he was attacked by seven Dashnag hoodlums while blessing parishioners of the Worcester Church of Our Savior. *Hairenik* began to print letters threatening his life. Four samples follow. "Archbishop Tourian will be punished sooner or later. The day of reckoning will come." . . . "He is going to be sorry for it, and very sorry." . . . "He will get his share, I am sure." . . . "Until Tourian is punished ruthlessly, the bones of our martyrs will not rest in their places." *Hairenik* stepped up its tempo by printing a letter which offered a reward: "I will gladly give \$100 if something is done to teach Tourian a lesson." When the Archbishop asked for police protection *Hairenik* denounced him for seeking the protection of "alien [American] police."

In December, 1933 while celebrating Christmas Mass in the Holy Cross Church in New York, the Archbishop was murdered by a gang of Dashnag assassins in the favorite Dashnag manner: a butcher knife plunged deep into his groin. Two ARF officials were convicted of first-degree murder, seven other Dashnags were convicted of first degree manslaughter. The convictions were sustained in successive courts while the ARF press (under Darbinian's complete charge) spoke of "ignorant jurymen," "false witnesses" and slurred the American Judiciary. It referred to its nine cutthroats as "our blameless comrades." On March 26, 1935, the Hon. Thomas E. Dewey, now Governor of New York, who had been engaged by Armenian democratic forces in the U. S. to help prepare the case against the Dashnag, wrote to the Hon. Herbert Lehman, then Governor:

For many years a very small group of fanatic zealots among the Armenian people have perpetrated murders and assaults upon the duly constituted authorities, in a campaign of terrorism . . . for the purpose of imposing the will of the few, upon the many. I believe it is correct to say that this group, the Dashnags, does not constitute more than 5% of the Armenian population. Nine murders of those in high authority are attributed to this group within the past ten years and the murder of Archbishop Leon Tourian . . . is the most shocking of these crimes and the first conspicuous invasion by this group into the field of terrorist murder in the United States.

Who Was Archbishop Tourian?

He was descendant of a distinguished family of clerics, scholars and statesmen. The former Patriarch of Jerusalem was his cousin. He was a linguist, author of four books, including a translation of the beautiful Armenian liturgy into English. He served as Bishop of Bulgaria, Primate of Smyrna, vice-Patriarch of Constantinople and Armenian Archbishop of England. He was a friend of Right Rev. William J. Mahning, Episcopal Bishop of New York, who participated in the burial services in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and recited a special prayer for the martyred Prelate. A tall, stately figure, the Prelate gave hope to and glorified the democratic aspirations of Americans of Armenian origin. By obeying the dictum of the Holy See to keep "partisan and political strife" out of the Church, he gained the undying enmity of the Dashnag gang.

Preceding the trial, the ARF had called the Archbishop a "Soviet agent." Then they changed their tune and called his murder a "Bolshevik plot." *Dashnag attorneys failed completely to produce a shred of evidence to support these Nazi inspired charges.*

Dashnags as pro-Nazis

Following the murder, the Dashnag press showed marked Nazi leanings. Here are sample excerpts from the Sept. 17, 1936 issue:

The former Germany, defeated in the Great War, lacking popular unity, conducted an uncertain, confused, day-by-day policy which got her nowhere. . . . And came Adolf Hitler, after herculean struggles. He spoke to the racial heart string of the German, opened the fountain of his national genius, struck down the spirit of defeatism. . . .

Now, there is a Germany, strong, united, aggressive, proud and self-reliant. She has torn and given to the winds the principal restrictions of the Versailles Treaty, and is now a national power, equal to, if not higher, than the great at the green tables of Europe and the World. Internally organized, externally impressive, the German people have come to occupy the place which was theirs before the War. . . .

At no period since the World War had Berlin conducted so realistic, well organized, and planned policy as now, since Hitler's assumption of power. At no time the German thought had been so explicit, clear and rich as now. . . . And whatever outsiders may think concerning Hitlerism and Fascism as a system of Government, it is proved that . . . they have revitalized and regenerated the two states, Germany and Italy.

Dashnags as anti-Semites

Flynn's "patriots" have published some notorious anti-Jewish lines. A series of three lengthy front-page articles written by a Dashnag just returned from Germany, were published in the August 19, 20, 21, 1936 issues of *Hairenik*, extolling the Nazi regime, the myth of "Aryan" culture and whitewashing Nazi persecution:

Jews of all people being the most fanatical nationalists and race worshippers, wherever they go they are compelled to create an atmosphere and the rites and customs of internationalism and world-citizenship in order to preserve their race-exaltation pure. . . . As the British use battleships to occupy lands and to protect their fatherland, in this same way the Jew uses internationalism or Communism as a weapon. . . .

. . . Sometimes it is difficult to eradicate these poisonous elements when they have already struck deep root like a chronic disease. And when it becomes necessary for a people to eradicate them in an uncommon method, these attempts and methods are regarded revolutionary. During a surgical operation the flow of blood is a natural thing. . . . Under such conditions dictatorship seems to have the role of a savior (translation).

Hairenik Weekly is the English language organ of the Dashnag, edited in Boston by James Mandalian. The *Weekly* voiced the political sentiments of the mother publication but exercised greater restraint. The Aug. 9, 1935 issue started off with a reference to "the Jewish controlled film industry," then ascribed Armenian massacres to the "Turkish Jews of Salonika" because of the "Jewish love of gain." The May 10, 1935 issue quoted the vice mayor of Bucharest as saying: "The Armenians [meaning Dashnags only] have helped us Romanians not to become slaves of the Jewish elements." An article in the

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PRO NAZISM IN HAIRENIK, SEPT. 17, 1936

"Italy has not only become regenerated by Fascism, but has become an empire-nation and today is reckoned as a military power in international politics.

"Germany has not only become regenerated by Hitlerism, but has turned her face to the East and displays her fist to Moscow."

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sion but also in favor of any other nation suffering in the same way. . . . National-Socialism is the mainstay of the national idea and the determined opponent of thralldom. . . . We Germans cannot but recognize your claims as thoroughly legitimate. . . . Your aim is and must be Armenian rebirth to Armenian liberty in the Armenian spirit. We Germans want to have our countrymen free from foreign yoke. You as an Armenian patriot want to have Armenia free again. Can we both have a finer aim than this?

Dashnags as "Communists"

With the turning of the Nazi tide and the triumph of Soviet armies, Dashnag policy in the past six months has completely reversed itself. The Dashnags have now seemingly turned "Communist." The Mandalian-Darbinian enterprises regularly reprint from *Lraper*, Armenian organ they once denounced as "Communist," from *Sovetakan Hayastan*, official organ of Soviet Armenia, and the *Weekly* (Mar. 29, 1944) published a panegyric on "Soviet Armenia and the Patriotic War" issued by the Soviet Embassy in Washington. Dashnags have already made subtle overtures to Leftist Armenian elements. On May 19, 1944 a *Weekly* editorial (translated from the *Hairenik*) ignored its defamation of the Soviet regime and adulation of Nazi theory, and begged anti-ARF factions to forget the past and effect a merger, explaining:

The attitude of the Federation toward the Soviet government in relation to the practical Armenian national policy is no different from theirs. Like them the Federation too looks to the Soviet government . . . and is willing to make all possible sacrifices for the realization of that national aim. The Federation, too, like them, admits that Soviet Armenia is the rightful political trustee of the Armenian cause.

Dashnags as Political Chameleons

Flynn's pals began as Socialists and "Socialist-Revolutionists," turned into Nazi sympathizers and are now seeking favor with Soviet interests, while also courting Brother Flynn's brand of "America First" politicians. The fact is that a corrupt, self-seeking Dashnag leadership has always followed an opportunistic policy, becoming all things to all men—whatever was most lucrative for the moment.

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Defeatism in Hairenik, April 14, 1944

Hairenik in the Armenian, is far more outspoken than *Hairenik Weekly*, organ of Dashnag youth. On April 14, 1944, *Hairenik* featured a strange article on the front page in the form of a letter from an apparently Dashnag soldier now in England. The soldier is described as being "in a responsible position" in the "Intelligence Department."

The article is entitled "Every Day 10,000 Souls Go to Be Crucified." It speaks of the "sacrament of sacrificed life," of death which "laughs its dry laughter" and of Easter as the "holiday of sacrificed lives." It laments: "The natural death is not so sorrowful as the sacrificed youthful life." It mourns the fate of "ten thousand souls who go to be crucified, to be crucified ten thousand times each day." On the eve of invasion, the article is worthy of print in the most defeatist press.

John T. Flynn is not the first non-Armenian to write of the Dashnags. Before him Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, the loud lady from Chicago now being tried on charges of seditious conspiracy, defended the ARF in the September, 1943, issue of her bulletin.

But it's bad business now to write pro-Nazi columns, and it's bad business to peddle anti-Jew hate. Hence Simon Vratzian, member of the Dashnag Central Committee in Boston, shed crocodile tears (*Weekly*, Sept. 22, 1943) in an article entitled "The Jewish Tragedy." In hypocritical contrast to previous ARF sentiments, Vratzian bemoaned the "terrible fate" of Jewry and called Jews the "allies of civilization." Reversing its former anti-Zionist and pro-Arab nationalist views, the *Weekly* (Mar. 22, 1944) devoted an editorial to the jubilee birthday of Rabbi Stephen Wise, chief exponent of Zionism, referred to him as one of Jewry's "noblest sons," and wished him the attainment of Zionist aims. But although the Dashnags have professed internationalist views on world collaboration, they are currently serving as informants for the ultra-isolationist, nationalistic McCormick-Patterson interests.

Dashnag leaders have been everything to anybody—whether Communist, Nazi, Social-Democrat, Socialist, isolationist or native fascist. In order to survive they must be nourished by outside sources for they are shunned by those who know the truth about them.

But John T. Flynn insists on calling them "patriots." Dashnags have hoodwinked many with their wily chameleon politics, perverted patriotism, hypocritical professions of faith, employment of defrocked priests, glib flattery and bribery of the gullible and naive. But the prize catch in the ARF suckers' net has been John T. Flynn who, in the absence of any evidence against the author of *Under Cover* has swallowed as truth the sewer-spawned lies of a disreputable Armenian terrorist-fascist gang completely unrepresentative of Armenians of Armenian origin and ostracized by them.

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Sept. 25, 1936 issue of the *Weekly* denounced Zionist aims, and adopting a strong Arab nationalist view concluded with:

... And the type of Jew who is imported to Palestine is not anything to be proud about. Their loose morals, and other vices which were unknown to the Arabs prior to the Balfour Declaration, on top of all communistic activities, were the cause of most of the Arab criticism.

Dashnags as anti-Christian

Flynn's "patriots" also have a record of anti-Christian utterance. The Archbishop's heinous murder had its roots in Dashnag disrespect for Church and clergy. It was common practice for ARF chiefs to burst into a Church, fling open the doors and using the altar and chancel as platform hold political meetings. In at least two instances



ARCHBISHOP LEON TOURIAN

Shortly before his brutal stabbing in Church Archbishop Tourian issued a pastoral letter. Significant excerpts follow:

We all are anxious to keep high the honor of the Armenian people in this hospitable land. During the terrible years of the war, the Armenian people kept their national honor high. We must see that the Armenian colony in America does not lose that distinction in time of peace. The love of justice and truth should beat high in the heart of every Armenian.

To the Armenian immigrant the Church stands for country. There we breathe an atmosphere of our native land. There we gird ourselves with the armour of righteousness and truth. There we feel the nearness of God. Indeed, the Armenian Church has always been a place of inspiration for every Armenian. It has kept the nation intact, secure from evil temptations. It is therefore proper that we should jealously guard the Church against disintegrating influences.

Armenians who tried to protect the Church of Smyrna from being desecrated were shot on the spot by Flynn's "patriots." Dashnag leaders have always tried to seize political control of the Church and reduce it to an instrument of "Dashnag ideology."

They carried their cancerous feud even to America, but thanks to the devotion of a flock loyal to a historic Church founded in 301 A.D., the ARF plan has failed. *Hairenik Weekly* evidently tried to poison the American born Dashnag generation with a dose of anti-Christian hate and published two astonishing letters (Mar. 29, 1935), headlined "Better Off Without Christianity." Excerpts follow:

I. By accepting Christianity as our national religion we lost more than we gained as a people. There is nothing we as a people should thank Christianity for ... and plenty we should regret on account of it.

II. The Armenian cause suffered by the adoption of Christianity. The new venture was not particularly beneficial nor reassuring. ... We lost much of our virility as a militant race. Before Christianity Armenia was a powerful state capable of more than holding her own. ... We possessed national unity, solidarity and virility.

Dashnags as Race-Worshippers

Just as the myth of an "Aryan super race" was conceived by the Nazis to rekindle hope among the defeatist and frustrated German masses, Flynn's friends added race-worship to the cult of flag-worship. A few months before the murder, *Hairenik* (Sept. 27, 1933) published an article on "Racial-Religionism" explaining the need for "racial convulsions" in order to achieve "racial awakening."

The Racial-Religious believes in his racial blood as a deity. Race above everything and before everything. Race comes first. Everything for the race. ... We hear the Racial Religious Orders have their own general creed, their leadership and political emblem. They are also going to have their own uniforms, their own hymn, their rites, their holidays (translation).

The organizer of the Racial Religious Orders was a military hack named "General" K. Nejdeh. "Today Germany and Italy are strong," he croaked, "because as a nation they live and breathe in the terms of race" (*Weekly*, Apr. 10, 1936). Adapting the slogan "Youth, heart and iron," Nejdeh generally modeled Dashnag Youth upon the Hitler Youth pattern. At first called "Racial Patriots," later they become known as Tzeghagrons—composed of two words: *tzagh* (race) and *gron* (religion): race worshippers.

From this point on the dope of decadent race worship, dead-hero worship and defunct-flag worship was injected into young Tzeghagron minds. Whipped into strict discipline, urged never to marry non-Armenians lest it "pollute" the "purity of the Armenian race," Dashnag leaders pursued the nationalist credo that "Armenianism" and Armenian "race-nationalism" be retained at all costs. Otherwise, they cried out in alarm, its youth would "disintegrate into the melting pot and be lost to Armenia." It urged "political activity" as a means of "keeping the new generation anchored to its race." Lis-

ten to the drivel drilled into American born Tzaghagrons (*Hairenik Weekly*, Jan. 11, 1935) by Mandalian, Darbinian, Nejdeh & Co.:

I am preaching to you the Tzaghagron Creed, worship of the race. . . . To me the highest act of individualism and of freedom is to follow the voice of my race. I am a Tzaghagron. That means: I know my race. I believe in my race. I worship my race. I know that my race is great; that my race has given more to humanity than it has received from it. I am a believer in my race and, behold, I worship another deity, the blood of my race, in whose unspotted purity lies the future of our people. . . . The Deification of the will of the Race—that is what the Tzaghagron is fighting for.

Dashnags and Nazi Germany

The question arises: were Flynn's friends subsidized by the Nazis or, as is the case of countless American Fascists, did Dashnags themselves bear all carrying charges? This issue of *Propaganda Battlefront* presents only the documented evidence and will draw no conclusions. But it is significant that in its editorial of Nov. 1, 1936, *Hairenik* observed:

Who can guarantee that Germany and Italy with their Polish and Hungarian and other allies, or independent of them, would not try to infiltrate beyond Trans-Caucasia as the Germans did in 1918. Therefore, instead of binding our fate to the "unde-

featable" army of the Soviet Union, isn't it wiser for the Armenian to think *also* of the day when that Army is crushed, deserts our motherland, and leaves defenseless our people of the homeland (translation).

Equally significant is an item in *News Week* of Nov. 12, 1941 entitled "Armenian Puppet State:"

As the Near East crisis develops, look for evidence of Nazi fifth column activity by Armenians in Turkey and Syria. The Nazis have picked out the Armenian Revolutionary Federation or "Dashnag" party to do the fifth column work. This intensely nationalist organization has recently moved its headquarters from Switzerland to Paris to Berlin. . . . The Nazis have promised the Dashnags an autonomous state similar to Croatia in return for their cooperation.

Pages of *Hairenik Weekly* contained references to intercourse with Nazi Germany. The Nov. 29, 1935 issue recorded that Frau H. Winkler was shipping to Tzaghagrons 200 copies of her book entitled "In the World of the Dragons." Formation of a Tzaghagron chapter in Berlin received repeated mention. The May 3, 1935 issue carried a letter from Hellmut Lange, a Nazi at Chemnitz, Germany, answering the query of a Tzaghagron on the "Reich's attitude" toward ARF aims:

We Germans stand for the principles of self-determination not only for our German countrymen living under foreign oppres-

JOHN ROY CARLSON . . .

Alarmed at the inroads of fascism on American shores through the murder in 1933 of Archbishop Tourian whom he knew as a personal friend, Avedis Arthur Derounian (Carlson is a pen name) decided to do something about it and spent nearly five years in tracking down Democracy's enemies on the home front . . . The aliases he used as investigator were known to official agencies and the Friends of Democracy; he has no criminal record of any kind . . . An American citizen since 1926, and a pre-Pearl Harbor father 35 years old, Carlson's draft status is 1-A.

The McCormick-Patterson-Flynn smear brigade has termed him a "Communist" and ascribed to him the authorship of an article (in *Soviet Russia Today* in 1936) which he did not write. Carlson's sentiments are summarized on pages 519-20 of *Under Cover* as follows: "I agree somewhat with Rex Stout—"The political ethics of American Communists still are about as low as anything ever observed in these parts, including the Ku Klux Klan." He's not a "mystery man" afraid to be photographed as claimed by the fascisti, but has been photographed in profile on numerous occasions at public functions . . . He has never been a member of any Armenian political organization and is held in the highest esteem in Armenian democratic and Church circles.

Except for minor editorial revisions, Carlson (no one else) wrote *Under Cover*. He severed connections (and rejected the work) of a collaborator after a few weeks . . . Following his graduation from New York University School of Journalism (BS, '32), Carlson worked his way up the journalistic ladder, and has a background of 16 years in newspaper and magazine work . . . His voluntary cooperation with Federal research agencies continues . . . He has lectured extensively throughout the country and has addressed large soldier groups at Camp Lee, Va., New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Del.; Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., in addition to addressing Red Cross, War Bond, American Legion, college and church audiences.

A lengthy illustrated article on the history of *Under Cover* and its author appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on May 7. Carlson has been defended in Congress by the Hon. Arthur G. Klein. On May 19 the Hon. Herman P. Eberharter, liberal and distinguished member of the Dies Committee, inserted in the *Congressional Record* a detailed memorandum prepared by Carlson on himself, entitled *Under Cover News*. It has utterly confounded the native fascist smear brigade.

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Carl H. Mote Lost . . .

Even the non-partisan, non-political Friends of Democracy watched the Republican nominating convention in Indiana this year with bated breath. One of the candidates for the Republican nomination for United States Senator was none other than Carl H. Mote, anti-Semite, friend of alleged seditionists, and energetic worker for the super-nationalist movement.

... And "Homer" Won

Mote was defeated, which should have caused the pro-democracy forces to breathe easier. But the man who won the election was none other than Homer Capehart, who was intimately tied up with the pro-Fascists back in 1938 and 1939.

Capehart has an interesting background. In 1938 and 1939 he was a friend of Felix McWhirter and James E. Campbell, the former being active on the fringes of the Fascist movement and the latter being one of the most active in the entire field. The friendship seems to have been a close one; they called each other "Homer" and "Felix" and "Jim."

Campbell, who was in the Fascist movement up to his ears, sent out reams and reams of reports "proving" that the "Communist-Jewish-International Bankers" had taken over our government and were driving the nation to ruin. He once wrote: "There is no question but what a postulate Jewry is responsible for communism. . . . Frankly, I say to you that this thing has gone so far that there is only one remedy, and that is a military action which will put a military court in charge of the United

States Federal Government and each State government". (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3476).

McWhirter committed himself less freely than Campbell. But the color of his political thinking can be gleaned from a letter he wrote to Campbell during 1938: "Yours of the 9th this morning received. Is it true that Hull's wife is part or full-blood Semite? What do you know of Landon's Semitic connections? What do you know of William Allen White's Semitic connections?" (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3275).

Now back in 1938 while Campbell was thinking about cleaning out the "Communitic-Jews" and setting up a military dictatorship, and while McWhirter was worrying about Alf Landon's "Semitic connections," these two decided to run Homer Capehart for President of the United States. "Monday afternoon was spent with Homer," Campbell wrote to McWhirter in November, 1938. "It is my opinion that he sees the picture as we do, and will sacrifice himself, if necessary, for the welfare of the country." (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, pages 3276, 3277).

Campbell had the whole thing figured out. "Homer," he said, was a "natural. Not for the national chairmanship of the Republican Party, but for the 1940 nominee for President." Campbell was going to organize the 435 Congressional districts throughout the nation and appoint 435 "key people" to take charge of the various districts. He also estimated the cost of office personnel, research work, travel expenses, etc., etc.

Capehart apparently liked the idea. As Campbell wrote to McWhirter: "I covered the situation with Homer and he is coming to Indianapolis Thursday for a discussion with you. I told him of the 15,000 posts, the 435 Congressional districts, the type of organization that was to be perfected therein, the necessity of infrequent public appearance until next year, the State meetings, and how this program could be controlled and developed" (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3276).

Everything was going beautifully, and, according to Campbell, Capehart was virtually in the White House. But there was one hitch to the whole scheme. Just as Campbell had everything under control, Major General George Van Horn Moseley retired from the United States Army and let out a terrific blast against the Administration. The General said all the things the Fascists had been saying for years. He said that Hitler was really O. K., that Roosevelt wanted war, that the Jews were all Communists, and so forth. All the Fascists and near-Fascists, including Campbell and McWhirter, immediately flocked to the General.

"Homer" temporarily was eclipsed. The prestige of a retired Army General plus Moseley's candid statements about Hitler and the Jews put Capehart in the shade. Campbell and McWhirter busily set about arranging for the General to speak in Indianapolis on December 29, 1938.

Campbell, however, had no intention of deserting Capehart entirely. Writing to McWhirter on December 19, 1938, Campbell said: "Put this meeting (the Moseley meeting in Indianapolis) across successfully on the 29th, give us the right kind of assistance, and I guarantee to give you a meeting like that in each State, to be addressed by either the General or Homer during the ensuing year." (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3410).

Moseley made his speech in Indianapolis on December 29, and, as such speeches go, it was "put across successfully." The General was an important figure in Fascist circles for the next few months. But the Fascists began fighting among themselves, and Moseley was discredited by the Dies Committee investigation. Finally, the General disappeared from the political horizon.

Campbell has been very quiet for the last few years. McWhirter caused a flurry a year or so back by getting himself a job connected with Naval Intelligence. But that passed over long ago. Of the political trio only Capehart is left. And he has the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

Coughlinites Swing Into Action

On June 25 in St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn, Father Edward Lodge Curran, the American Firster and advocate of Father Coughlin, held another of his annual Masses in honor of the Detroit priest's ordination to the priesthood. Speaking before a full congregation, Curran called for the return to the radio, and eulogized: "For the past 28 years Father Coughlin has devoted his spir-

Curran Speaks Out

itual and intellectual and oratorical and literary talents to the cause of defending America against all anti-Americans and all anti-Christians." Following the Mass a group of old-time Christian Fronters gathered outside the Church to exchange tirades against the "Anglo-Jewish" conspiracy for world government and to relate such rumors as "Roosevelt is syphilitic" and "50,000 troops were killed the first two days on the Normandy beachhead".

Rabble-rouser Curran is making another bid to gather in the support of isolationist, America First and pro-Fascist elements in the East and Midwest for the nationalist cause. He recently returned from a speaking tour which included stops at Chicago, Cleveland and Boston. Curran held a mass meeting, April 30, in Columbus Hall, Brooklyn, and launched the National Committee for the Preservation of Americanism Against Internationalism. In a super "patriotic" atmosphere strongly reminiscent of Christian Front days, Curran harangued before some 2500 persons: "The purpose of this meeting is to impress our people with the dangers of totalitarianism. . . . This is an American meeting because it is being held for the welfare of the U. S. A. alone. This meeting is to preserve America from the evils of internationalism, to restore to our country the orthodox American measures of nationalism. . . ." Curran ended by calling for similar mass meetings in other cities and asked those present to contact him at 407 Bergen Street, Brooklyn. This is the address of the International Catholic Truth Society of which Curran is President.

Sharing the platform with Curran were William Gallagher and "Captain" William Grace. A former America First and Christian Front organizer and vicious Jew-baiter from South Boston, Gallagher attacked British influences in Washington, defended Irish neutrality, condemned the "Smear Bund"—newest name for those who fight the Francoites, anti-Semites and America Firsters—and exclaimed: "Would to God we could remain neutral in this present conflict!" "Captain" Grace, a leader in Chicago isolationist circles, is head of the Citizens U. S. A. Committee, post-Pearl Harbor step-child of the Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee. Grace made his position clear: "I am an isolationist, a nationalist . . . I am anti-British, anti-Russian, anti-Japanese, anti-German, anti-everything that is anti-American and wants to hold that flag down."

Father Curran has a long history of pro-Fascist activity. During 1938 he wrote several columns for *Social Justice*, Coughlin's weekly hate sheet, and twice spoke for Coughlin on the latter's radio network. Along with Allen Zoll, another pro-Fascist with an unsavory record, Curran organized the picketing of station WMCA after it refused to carry Coughlin's radio talks, and later in conjunction with Patrick Scanlon, editor of the pro-Coughlin Brooklyn *Tablet* and Bernard T. D'Arcy, Coughlin's official eastern representative, negotiated with the station for the Detroit priest. In 1939 when the seventeen members of the Christian Front were indicted

for plotting to overthrow the government, Curran was an organizer and leading member of the Parents Defense Fund, set up to raise money for the defendants. He spoke from the same platform with Francis Moran, when the latter referred to the President as "Rosenfeld".

On October 30, 1938, Curran was one of two featured speakers at a pro-American rally in New York, sponsored by Allen Zoll's American Patriots, Inc. The other speaker was Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, who now is on trial for sedition and conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces. Twice Curran has addressed meetings on the same platform with Major General George Van Horn Moseley, one-time presidential hope of the nationalists and virulent anti-Semite. He has spoken for the Clan-na-Gael, an Irish Republican Army group in this country. The I. R. A. advocates violence in obtaining Irish "freedom."

Before Pearl Harbor Curran carried on an Anti-War Crusade and was among the most active isolationist leaders, speaking throughout the East and Middle West. His line was always the same—attacks on the "Communist" New Deal, the "war-making" politics of the President and State Department, "imperialistic" Britain, and "Godless" Russia. Lend-lease he declared to be unconstitutional.

After Pearl Harbor, Curran continued to exploit the same themes in less strident tones through lectures and in his regular weekly column in the *Gaelic American*, whose editorial policy parallels that of Father Curran. Recently, he has become more outspoken.

Smith Abandons "Respectability"

The latest of Gerald L. K. Smith's activities is the distribution, as a bonus to his supporters, of free copies of T. W. Hughes' book, *40 Years of Roosevelt*. If Smith ever had any yearning for "respectability", this means that he has abandoned it, for not by the widest stretch

Cooperates with of the imagination could Hughes
West Coast Fascist be considered "respectable". On the contrary, Hughes' background is full of swastikas, the German American Bund, and persons who are now on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the United States government and set up a Nazi regime here.

Hughes, who was active in Los Angeles, was the founder and leader of the League to Save America First. As such, he conducted a series of forums at which the impeachment of Roosevelt was demanded and at which literature was distributed by stormtroopers wearing swastika emblems. A speaker at a Hughes meeting said: "Democracy has died because its bloodstream has been poisoned by the international financial system."

Members of the German American Bund attended Hughes' meetings. As a matter of fact, the Bund supported Hughes when he sought the Republican nomination for Congress in 1940. Herman Schwinn, West Coast Bund leader who is now on trial for conspiracy to establish Nazism here, was also a supporter of Hughes.

Hans Diebel, West Coast Bundist who is on trial with

Schwinn, sold books by Hughes in his Aryan Book Store. Ellis O. Jones, who is on trial with Schwinn and Diebel, was once acting chairman of Hughes' League to Save America First. Also associated with Hughes was F. K. Ferenz, who is now on trial with Schwinn, Diebel, and Jones.

Hughes' outlook on ideology in general and international relations in particular can be gleaned from his book, *The Truth About England*, in which he says: "... the peoples of all Europe desire Economic Union with Germany and will gladly surrender all nationalistic ambition to this end, rather than longer endure the poverty and chaos which England's Balance-of-Power has forced upon them for more than 200 years. ... The establishment of the New Order in Europe will help avoid disorder in America."

Louder Than All the Subversives . . .

The women's groups are making more noise than any of the subversives at this moment. *Women's Voice*, organ for We, the Mothers, Mobilize, Chicago, says that with the nomination of Dewey the Republicans have sold *The Women's* out to the Jews. They have dropped the subtleties of "International Bank-
Picture ers" and now lay their anti-Semitism right on the board.

But all is not lost, for they claim that they forced the "internationalists" to put Bricker on the Republican slate and hail his nomination as their personal victory. Now the women's job is to "get after the Republican Party" and let the Party and Congress know that they are to be held to their promises. Their stick with which to beat the Republicans into line is the threat of a third party. Mrs. Lyril Van Hynning, head of We, the Mothers, Mobilize, would like very much to grab Clare Luce's place in the limelight. No doubt she considers herself just as photogenic, and, when she labels Clare Luce's Republican convention speech a "tirade", she knows

PROPAGANDA IS A WEAPON

Propaganda is a weapon as much as submarines, tanks and bombers. Friends of Democracy has been carrying on a militant campaign against anti-democratic propaganda for a number of years. The impact of the Axis propaganda is now tremendous. Therefore, it is necessary for Friends of Democracy to carry on more vigorously than heretofore. Our organization invites the cooperation and support of all who are concerned about the preservation of democratic civilization.

that she could and has gone much further than Clare did in her "G-I Joe and G-I Jim" theme. Back in November, 1941, We, the Mothers, Mobilize made the record for an all time low. Combing the list of casualties, they sent letters of condolence to bereaved mothers, saying: . . . "We owe it to our loved dead, to the country for which they died, to call to account those who violated our Constitution and heartlessly placed our men in the danger zone between two warring nations, while we were still at peace . . . we beg you . . . to place the blame for the death of your son where it belongs . . . to call to account the actual murderers and we will bless you and our country will call you blessed."

The Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania, Mrs. John Brown's group, of Colwyn, Pennsylvania, is sending out piles of literature, warning against "internationalism" and leaflets "exposing" the neglect to which a discharged, disabled soldier was subject. They are also distributing reprints of speeches made by Congressmen John E. Rankin and Louis T. McFadden, which are calculated to arouse and spread race prejudice. Rankin's speech blames "Communitistic Jews" for the race riots of the past year. McFadden proclaimed that Gentiles have slips of paper for money, while the Jews have gold. This speech was given in 1933, and the reprint bears the following foot-notes from Mrs. Brown's "mothers": "If these men mentioned above are guilty of the New Deal Plot to overthrow our constitutional government, it is the duty of Congress to seek them out and try them for treason. This Patriot . . . Congressman McFadden, went to an untimely death shortly after this speech was made. He died just when his country needed his fearless leadership."

The United Mothers of America, Cleveland, Ohio, makes a public statement coming out 100 percent for Gerald L. K. Smith and reiterating their belief in the

Jewish Communistic plot. The Women's League for Political Education signs an article for E. H. Rettig's *Constitutionalist* and says, among other things: "The 'Beat Hitler First' policy, the invasion of Italy, were purely political decisions against the judgment of our military. Both sprang . . . from the shrewd brain of Churchill who found it easy to sell a bill of goods to Roosevelt and his America-last cohorts. Will the American people be content to witness the ultimate catastrophe added to Mr. Churchill's Gallipoli, Dunkirk, Narvik . . . fiascos? . . . to duplicate the Dieppe plan, on a magnified scale with Americans instead of Canadians spearheading the mass suicide? . . . Before we march to Berlin over a pathway strewn with the corpses of innocent American youth, let us march to Washington . . . Demand ACTION TO-DAY."

SOCIAL NOTES

The Gentile League, Inc., of Watertown, Wisconsin, has had its State charter revoked by Circuit Court Judge Alvin C. Reis. . . . The Gentile Co-operative Association, Chicago, Illinois, has issued its third edition of *Gentile News*. Jobs for Gentile veterans and a directory of Gentile businesses are its chief objectives. . . . Harry Paxton Howard, who left Shanghai in 1941 after 24 years in Japan and China, is finding favor in such publications as the *New Leader*, *Progressive*, *Money*, the *Broom*, and the *Boise Valley Herald*. In January he spoke before the Community Church in New York on Britain's empire aims in the East. Senator William Langer, whose sentiments are strongly anti-British, had the speech reprinted in the *Congressional Record*. On June 30, Howard spoke for the super-nationalist group in Chicago, the Citizens U. S. A. Committee . . . The Christocrats, Detroit, Michigan, are mailing out nasty little verses attacking Roosevelt, as well as a little booklet called "Political Christianity for the Republican Party." Incidentally, Robert Best, the American traitor in Berlin, addresses his nightly broadcasts: "Mr. and Mrs. America, and the coming generation of Young Americans, Fellow Christocrats." . . . Royal Scott Gulden now has offices at 509 Fifth Avenue. Under his name on the office building's bulletin board is simply, "Real Estate Broker." Gulden's activities were not always so modest. Back in 1933 he ran the Order of '76, and he told Richard Rollins: "Our Order is the main operating unit along the Eastern seaboard for a new national organization. At the head of it is a man in Asheville, North Carolina, who will some day—I promise you—rule America. His name is William Dudley Pelley, our commander-in-chief and head of America's greatest patriots—the Silver Shirts."

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*"When Chaos Comes
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— GERALD L. K. SMITH



A REPORT TO AMERICANS:

Here is the case against Gerald L. K. Smith — rabble-rouser, friend of alleged seditionists, associate of jailbird Pelley, hero of Hitler-heilers and Messiah of the America First Party.

In this report we show that:

- 1** Smith has worked out a pattern for revolution.
- 2** Smith is a political opportunist who has jumped on to every promising bandwagon — from Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" movement to that of the American "Nationalists."
- 3** Smith has made political alliances with everyone from William Dudley Pelley, convicted seditionist, to Eugene Talmadge, Ku Klux Klansman.
- 4** Smith's associates—those whom he helps and those who help him—include a number of persons on trial for conspiracy to set up a Nazi regime in the United States.
- 5** Smith draws support from Christian Fronters, Bundists, from followers of the motley crew who have been charged by the Department of Justice with sedition.
- 6** Smith, despite his record, or perhaps because of it, has been able to enlist the support of some important people—including a few members of the Congress.
- 7** Smith's political philosophy often parallels that of William Dudley Pelley, the jailed seditionist, and other pro-Nazis.
- 8** Smith is the Messiah of a big-time disruptionist movement, the America First Party.

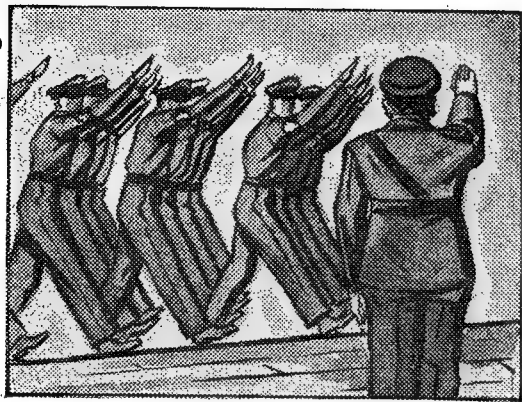
There remains one big mystery: Why should loyal Americans, relatives of our sons and daughters in the armed forces, lend aid and moral support to the revolutionist and disruptionist, Gerald L. K. Smith?

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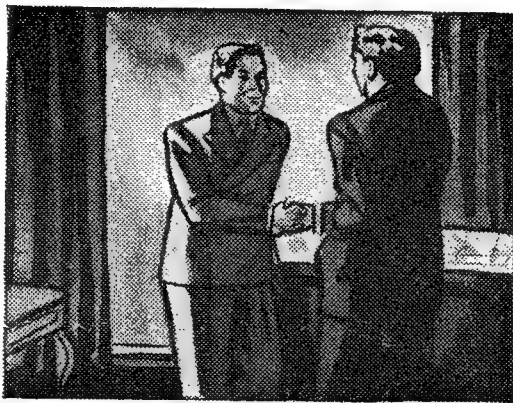
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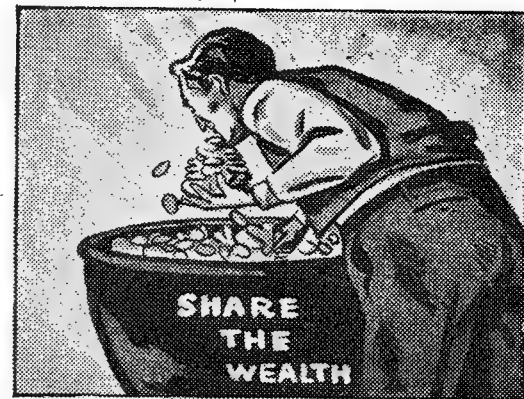
The Amazing History of



1 In 1933 Smith left his pulpit to help William Dudley Pelley organize "first Silver Shirt storm troop in America," using the swastika and Hitler salute. "I'll be America's Fuehrer," Pelley said. Smith was "shirter" No. 3223.



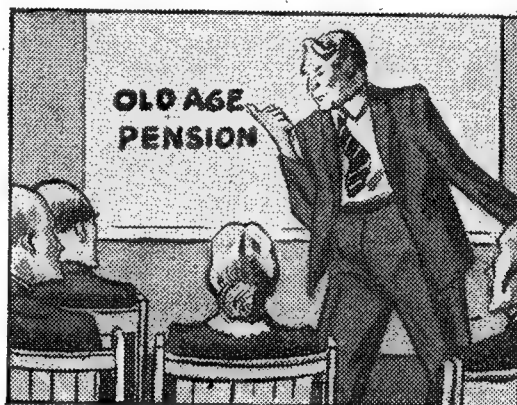
2 Pelley didn't seize the government as quickly as planned, so Smith found a more successful Fuehrer. He joined the politically corrupt Huey Long. Huey was dictator of Louisiana, and he looked like a bright boy who was going places.



3 Long's death left Smith floundering. He suggested to Earl Christenberry that they take over Huey's Share-the-Wealth racket. Christenberry refused, patented the Share-the-Wealth slogan, and turned the patent over to Huey's widow.



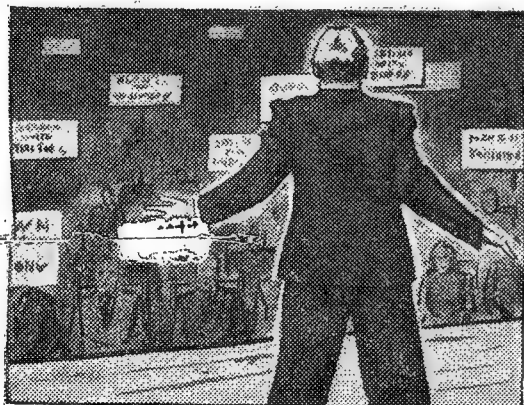
4 Smith found temporary lodging with Ku Klux Klansman Eugene Talmadge and launched his anti-Roosevelt crusade. He told Talmadge's "grass-roots" convention: "We're going to drive that cripple out of the White House."



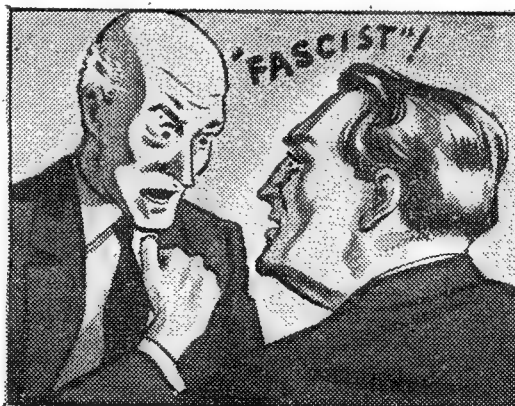
5 Smith next joined Dr. Francis E. Townsend of old-age pension fame. He gave "uncompromisin', go-to-meetin'" speeches favoring \$200 a month for everyone over 60. "The spirit of Huey Long," Smith called himself.



6 Father Charles Coughlin, who wanted to seize the government "the Franco way," became Smith's next partner. The Post Office declared Coughlin's newspaper "obviously seditious." Smith calls the priest a "patriot second to none."



7 Touring the country for Townsend and Coughlin, Smith rabble-roused: "When chaos comes, I'll be the leader." And: "If you want to know what is going to happen... I can tell you that we are going to seize the government."



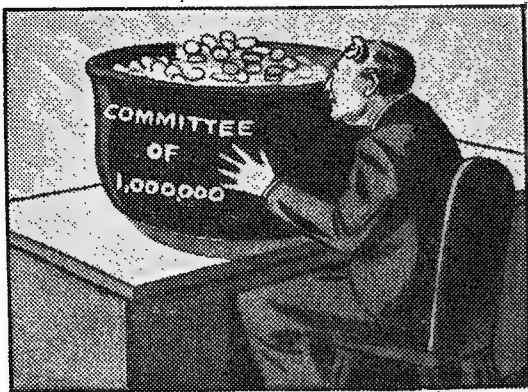
8 Smith's violence proved too much for Dr. Townsend. The Doctor kicked him out of the old-age pension movement and charged that the Rev. Smith was forming a Fascist organization "to seize the government" of this country.



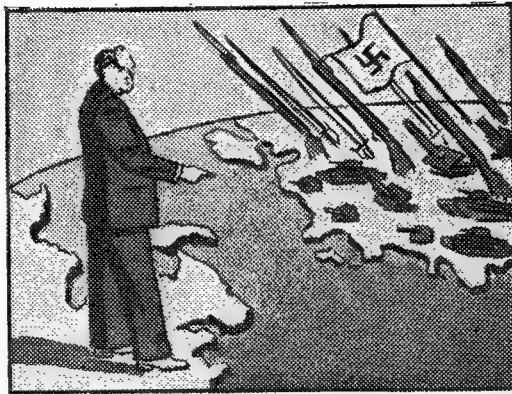
9 Smith launched his own organization, the Committee of 1,000,000. Earl Christenberry said Smith was out "fighting the Jews and the Communists." Smith gained thousands of followers through radio broadcasts from Detroit.

Smith cannot be dismissed as a mere rabble-rouser. He is becoming a real power, a real menace to our free institutions. For he does not speak only for the rabble and the crack-pots. He is also financed and supported by misguided industrialists to whom he has sold the idea that Roosevelt is more dangerous than Hitler and that Willkie is indistinguishable from Stalin.

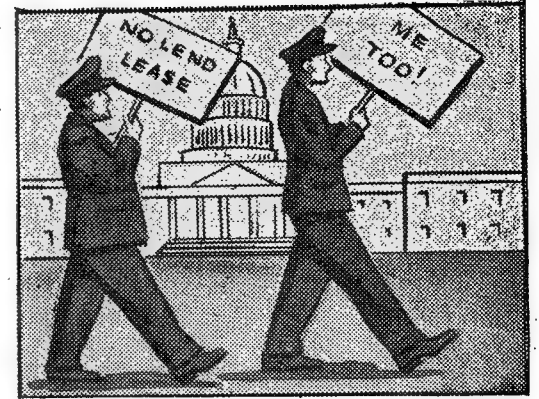
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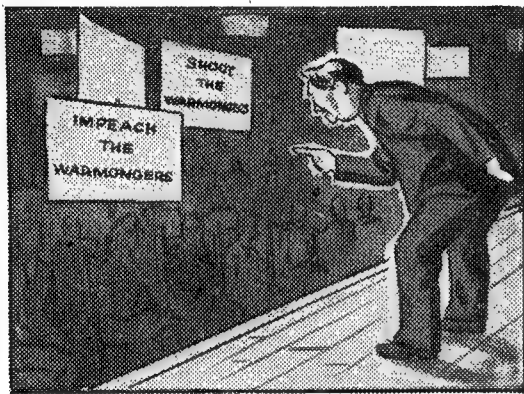
10 Edward A. Powers, Smith's partner in the Committee of 1,000,000, sued Smith for his share of the profits. The Committee had made \$7,810 clear, and Smith pocketed all but \$357 of that amount, Powers charged.



11 Smith joined the isolationist movement on the outbreak of war in Europe. "Why assume that Germany will attack this country?" he shouted. Smith collected a million signatures to a petition against conscription.



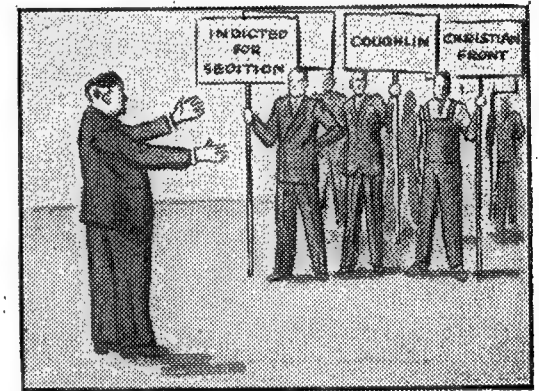
12 Smith testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee against the Lend-Lease Bill. Following the American Nazi line, he said: "Behind the obvious purposes of this bill is a definite plan to get us into this war...."



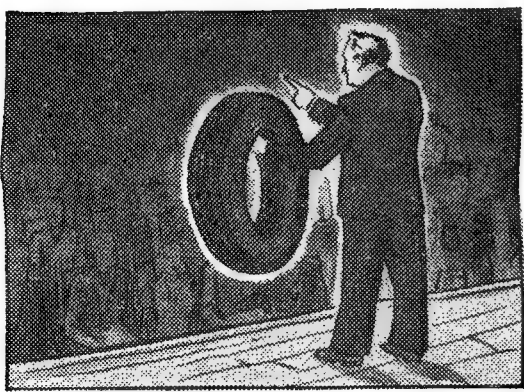
13 Smith organized meetings which attracted the Coughlinite and Bund elements. British leaders want "American blood spilled on European battlefields," the speakers said. "Impeach the President!" the audience yelled.



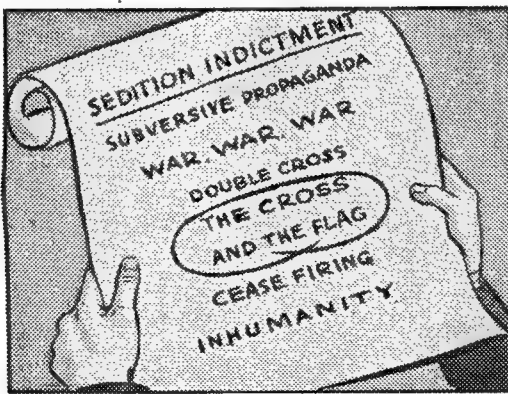
14 In March, 1942, Smith launched *The Cross and the Flag*. It spread such distrust of our government and our Allies that Sen. Nye remarked, "It is excellently done." Sen. Reynolds wrote: "It hits the bull's-eye."



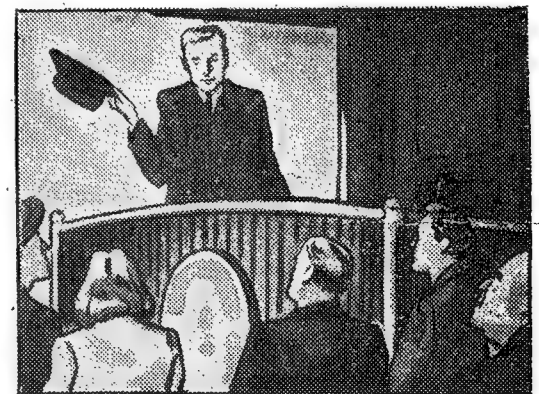
15 Smith named a "partial list of fearless Americans." Besides assorted Coughlinites, his list included Elizabeth Dilling and Gerald B. Winrod, both on trial on charges of conspiring to set up a Nazi regime in the U.S.A.



16 Smith ran for the U. S. Senate. He was to be "the voice of the great unorganized masses." "Tires for everybody," "Free speech for Coughlin," he cried. The "masses" decided against tires and Coughlin; Smith was defeated.



17 When the Department of Justice indicted 33 persons for sedition and conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces, Smith's *The Cross and the Flag* was named as a vehicle through which the 33 spread their propaganda.



18 Smith revived the discredited America First Committee, but calls it the America First Party. He tours the country recruiting among downright enemies of America and welding them into a super-Nationalist Party.

"When his attempts to enrich himself in Louisiana faded out . . . Gerald Lucifer Kodfish Smith started out on a national peddling expedition, and tried to make a deal with every political leader in the United States from James Aloysius Farley down to William Zebulon Foster, the Communist. He has been on the payroll of everything else from the Ku Klux down to the A.P.A."—MAURICE GATLIN, *Assistant to the Attorney General, Louisiana.*

The Strange Associates

Here are some of the friends of Gerald L. K. Smith; part of the strange crew with whom he has co-operated through the years. Smith may not know them all personally but all work for the same ends.

The associates of Smith described on these and the following pages have been grouped roughly into eight categories — the Fascist Funda-



GERALD B. WINROD, *on trial for sedition*, gives full page publicity almost monthly in his magazine, *The Defender*, to Gerald L. K. Smith. Winrod was one of Hitler's first channels for spreading Nazi-approved propaganda in America. His magazine was on the recommended list of World Service, the official Hitler propaganda agency in Germany. Winrod has collaborated with nearly all the important pro-Fascists in the United States in his campaign against the Jews.



ELIZABETH DILLING, *on trial for sedition*, is the Middle West leader of the forces of disruption, whom Smith has on his list of "fearless Americans" attacked by the "Reds." The "Mothers" groups who flocked around her now flock around Gerald L. K. Smith. She has collaborated with most of the people now *on trial for sedition*. Hudson called her "America's Joan of Arc." Pelley, *in jail for sedition*, said Congress should use her book, *Red Network*, "as their holy Scriptures."



HARVEY SPRINGER stumps for Smith's America First Party and plugs it in his newspaper, *Western Voice*. Smith has spoken at Springer's "Tabernacle" in Colorado. So has Elizabeth Dilling, *on trial for sedition*, and a close friend of Springer. He has used her writings, as well as those of Sanctuary and Edmondson, also *on trial for sedition*, as source material in his attack on the Federal Council of Churches. Springer is raising funds for the defense of Winrod in his trial for sedition.



MRS. ROSA FARBER is head of the Detroit "Mothers of the U.S.A." The "Mothers" are strongly pro-Smith and also pro-Dilling. They "crusaded" with Dilling against Lend-Lease in 1941. When the Selective Service Bill was passed, Mrs. Farber said that all young men should "refuse to be victims of such arbitrary or un-Constitutional government dictum." She said: "There is no other way out for us than through a revolution."



WILLIAM D. HERRSTROM, called by Smith "a courageous Christian American," plugs Smith in his anti-semitic sheet, *Bible News Flashes*. Herrstrom praised the works of Dilling and Winrod, both *on trial for sedition*. The German-American Bund and Charles Hudson, *on trial for sedition*, used Herrstrom's writings. Quote from *Bible News Flashes*: "Pass all the racial laws you want, but remember, 'A Ghetto by any other name will still smell the same.'"



BEATRICE KNOWLES, of the American Mothers of Detroit is a friend of Mrs. Dilling, and is highly praised by Smith in *The Cross and The Flag*. Mrs. Knowles speaks of our allies as "rotten old Europe and enslaved undrained Asia who are trying to stick you head first in their post-war political and economic latrines." She hypocritically endorses "international co-operation" but tells her followers that we are doped with too much China and too much Russia.



C. O. STADSKLEV, Minneapolis organizer for Smith's America First Party, was called by Smith, "a quiet, Christ-like man." Stadskev combines anti-Semitism of the worst sort with praise for Hitler as the Messiah of the New Order. Elizabeth Dilling, *on trial for sedition*, has spoken at his meetings and he has raised money for her "work." Andrae Nordskog, well-known West Coast Bundist, worked hand-in-hand with Stadskev.



MRS. DAVID STANLEY is head of the "United Mothers" of Cleveland which attracted the Silver-Shirt, Coughlinite and Bundist elements of the area. Smith speaks at their meetings and gives them publicity in *The Cross and The Flag*. "United Mothers" went all-out for Rep. Sweeney, (see opposite page). Mrs. Stanley encouraged Mrs. Dilling. "God bless your colleagues," she wrote, "in your 100% patriotic work for us Americans."

of Gerald L. K. Smith

mentalists, the so-called "Mothers," United States Senators, United States Congressmen, the Intellectuals, the Nationalists, the Demagogues, and the Pioneers of the native Fascist movement. The first four categories appear on this double-page spread. The second four appear on pages 8 and 9.



SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER, one of Smith's selections for President, was and is one of the most violent isolationists in the Senate. He associated with Bundists, Christian Fronters and other un-American elements of our society. Wheeler asserted that Japan was no menace and that defense measures were plots to set up totalitarianism here. His praises were loudly hymned by the vermin press and native Fascists.



CLARE HOFFMAN has spoken for Smith's America First Party and Smith calls him "one of the most courageous men in the United States Congress." He is also praised and quoted by many of the *alleged seditionists now on trial*, especially Elizabeth Dilling and Charles Hudson. Hoffman fought all preparedness measures. Since Pearl Harbor he has claimed that it was Roosevelt who got us into war. He said that "playing at war" in Washington should be stopped by an armed march on the Capitol.



SENATOR GERALD P. NYE, another of Smith's choices for President, is quoted by all grades of pro-Nazis from *The Deutscher Allgemeine Zeitung* of Berlin to *The Beacon Light* of California. Nye's ideas harmonize with those of at least twelve of the persons *now on trial for sedition*. His congressional frank was used by several of them. Nye said of them, "They are no more guilty of conspiracy than I am."



CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN A. DAY spoke for Gerald Smith's Committee of 1,000,000. Day's book, *We Must Save the Republic*, was financed by Nazi-agent George Sylvester Viereck. Day was also connected with Prescott Dennett, *now on trial for sedition*. Jailbird Pelley called on "every sterling patriot to get behind Steve Day." Dilling acclaimed his "brilliant speech." Indicted William Kullgren called Day's book, "the most dynamic since *The Octopus*." (*The Octopus* was Dilling's anti-Semitic masterpiece.)



SENATOR ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, who suggested that we defeat Hitler's panzer troops with squirrel guns, will have Smith's support if he runs for President. The suppressed hate-sheet *Publicity* touted him for President back in 1940 because "he understands the Jew question." Reynolds is not going to run for Senator again because his own constituents have finally turned against him, possibly because he and the nightshirts have so much in common.



EX-CONGRESSMAN MARTIN SWEENEY was one of the speakers for Smith's America First Party. He was also an official of the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee," set up by Nazi-agent Viereck to distribute anti-American propaganda. Sweeney put outspoken Nazi propaganda in the *Congressional Record*, defending Hitler and stating that it is "the duty of the United States" to "help destroy the British Empire."



SENATOR DAVID I. WALSH, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, proposed by Smith for Secretary of the Navy, was a violent America Firster and the white-haired boy of the Coughlinites. *The Deutscher Weckruf*, organ of the German-American Bund, gave credit to Walsh for his isolationist activities. Since Pearl Harbor, Walsh suggested that we quit aiding our allies and bring the fleet home to protect our own shores.



CONGRESSMAN ROY WOODRUFF is frequently characterized by Smith as a "patriot above reproach." Woodruff reciprocated by inserting Smith's feature editorial in the opening number of *The Cross and The Flag* into the *Congressional Record*. Woodruff was an ardent isolationist and Roosevelt-hater. Garner, editor of *Publicity*, found some of Woodruff's statements to Congress good material with which to boost the "Impeach Roosevelt" movement for which he was campaigning in his paper.

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EX-SENATOR RUSH D. HOLT, who has spoken at Smith's meeting, was hailed by the Bund paper, *Deutscher Wecker*, as "Bundessenator." A favorite of Bundists, Fascists and their press, he played the anti-Semitic theme along with Senator Nye and privately did business with Nazi-agent Viereck. The British censors intercepted a message of Holt's sent by Viereck to Nazi official Hans Dieckhof for Berlin approval.



COL. ROBERT McCORMICK was loudly endorsed for President by Smith. "It would be almost too good to imagine," Smith said, "if we were to get a President like Mr. McCormick." McCormick has twice been accused of revealing military secrets to the enemy as part of his campaign against the Administration. His *Chicago Tribune* has defended the alleged seditionists, especially Mrs. Dilling, who has long enjoyed favorable publicity in its pages.



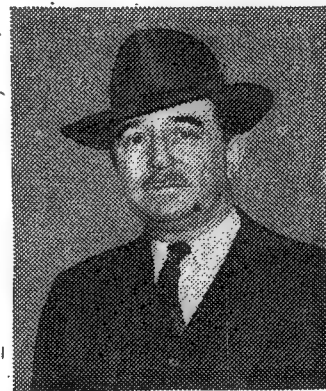
LAWRENCE DENNIS, now on trial for sedition, lauded Smith's policy. "He is on the right track," Dennis said. "The only thing to do is to declare yourself for the war right now." Dennis flatly announced that he was for National-Socialism in America and that Democracy was doomed. His books, *The Dynamics of War and Revolution* and *The Coming American Fascism* are the Bibles of America's "intellectual Fascists." Dennis wrote for *Today's Challenge* which was edited by Nazi Agent F. Aubagen.



EARL SOUTHARD is the national organizer for Gerald Smith's America First Party. Gerald Smith calls him "a sterling patriot." The indicted Elizabeth Dilling said he was "a dandy." Southard was connected with the alleged seditionists William Dudley Pelley and William Kullgren. He stated that Kullgren's magazine was a "great contribution to the cause of real Americanism."



CARL MOTE, Smith's lieutenant in Indianapolis, quotes from Dilling and Dennis and the forged anti-Semitic *Protocols of Zion*. The following sample from his magazine shows the quality of his mind: "I say *fie* on all this blubbering about 'democracy.' I say *fie* on all the melodrama that exalts the so-called 'rights of minorities.' I say *fie* on all this hypocritical and maudlin jargon about 'social equality.'"



WILLIAM J. GRACE, whose Citizens U.S.A. Committee is a super-Nationalist center, plugs Smith. At one time Grace wrote for jailbird Pelley's seditious magazine *Roll Call*. Grace said that President Roosevelt's "envy — in our opinion — of Hitler's successes causes him to imitate every act of Hitler's." Grace called on all Americans to refuse to obey the Lend-Lease law. He once said, "Unless you're anti-British, you're NOT American."



JOSEPH P. KAMP, whom Smith called a "well-informed and fearless patriot" runs the Constitutional Educational League which sends out a steady stream of defeatist and divisive literature. The German propaganda bureau World Service, recommended one of his pamphlets. Elizabeth Dilling, on trial for sedition, called him "my friend Joe Kamp" who "has issued such excellent releases." Gerald Winrod, on trial for sedition, worked with Kamp.



MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN (now married to Senator Rufus Holman) goes on speaking tours with Smith. Her hysterical speeches, defending her late husband's questionable activities, are published in *The Cross and The Flag*. Smith has proposed her for Congress. Mrs. Lundeen is the widow of Senator Lundeen who was chairman of a propaganda organization set up and financed by Nazi-agent George Sylvester Viereck. A grand jury also found that some of Lundeen's speeches were written for him by Viereck.

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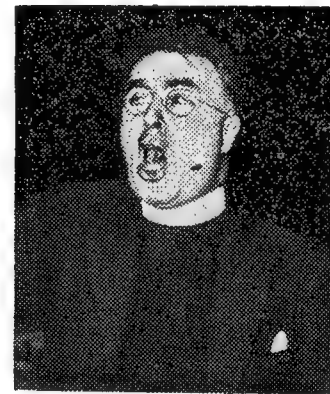
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, whom Smith proposed for President, preached that Germany had the right to make wars of aggression, that Britain might turn against us, and that Britain could never win the war even with all the help we could ever give her. He told us that the Luftwaffe was unbeatable and that Russia had no air force. His false teachings deceived millions of our people and had much to do with our relative unpreparedness when we were attacked.



WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, now in jail for his seditious activities, chose Smith as a leader of his Silver Shirt gang. Smith once wrote to Pelley that he would soon be heading north "with a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America." Pelley believed that Hitler and the Japanese deserved world leadership for their "service in cleansing the bloodstream of mankind." He was the most blatantly outspoken of all Hitler's admirers in this country.



HUEY LONG, rabble-rousing Fascist of Louisiana, was the adored leader and teacher of Gerald L.K. Smith. Smith worked for Long for years, helping Long organize his Share-The-Wealth Clubs, one of the means by which Long was able to seize political control of Louisiana. Long ruled as an absolute dictator, forcing his bills through the Louisiana legislature without hearings or previous consideration. He is the model for future Fuehrers here.



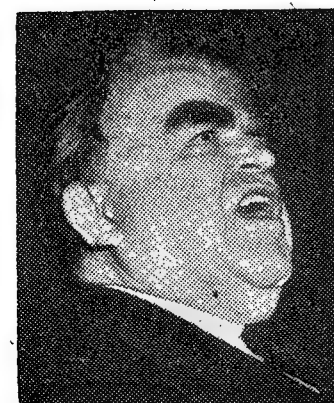
CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and Smith have been friends since 1936. Smith uses the radio ban on Coughlin as an excuse for his attacks on our Government and the Jews. He says that "the Christ-killers will never rest until the man (Coughlin) is locked up in jail." Coughlin taught that it was the President and not the Japanese who got us into this war. He said the people were wondering if their most dangerous enemies were not in Washington, London and Moscow instead of in Rome, Berlin and Tokyo.



EUGENE TALMADGE, at whose "grassroots" convention Gerald Smith was a principal speaker, led the Vigilantes, a group of the Klu Klux Klan variety. The Negro should be kept in his place and all this nonsense about "equality of opportunity" is close to treason, Talmadge argues. The "vermin press" thinks Talmadge is wonderful. Lois de Lafayette Washburn, on trial for sedition, wrote: "He is a fine man with whom I used to have some interesting correspondence."



ANDRAE NORDSKOG was associated with Smith in the "Dubuque Plan" to set up a peace lobby in Washington. Nordskog was a close personal friend of Capt. Robert Pape who was sent over by Hitler to organize a branch of the Nazi Party out on the West Coast. Nordskog was the first American to join the Los Angeles branch of the German-American Bund. He also organized the Coughlinite group of Los Angeles.



JOHN L. LEWIS. Smith's desire for power has even led him to make friends with John L. Lewis. Smith, who spent a considerable part of his life denouncing the man whom he labelled, "John L. (Stalin) Lewis," has now discovered that Lewis "never was a Communist" but was merely trying to make use of them. This is the line followed by Father Coughlin and others who are trying to cash in on Lewis' feud with the President. Smith said, "I am advising all my farm people to join with Lewis."



CHARLES HUDSON, on trial for sedition, associated with Andrae Nordskog and Gerald Smith in isolationist activities. Hudson publishes a viciously anti-Semitic sheet called *America in Danger!*, which blames all the ills of the world on "Organized Jewry—International Finance." He collaborated with Elizabeth Dilling in the distribution of her anti-Semitic booklet, the *Octopus*. E. J. Garner, who went on trial for sedition, used Hudson's material in his hate-sheet, *Publicity*.

The Strange support

553 South Jesse St.
Pontiac, Mich.
May 11, 1942.

Hon. Gerald L.K. Smith
The Committee of One Million
Industrial Bank Building
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing you at the suggestion of your office manager, Mr. Dohmer whom I visited last Friday, and asked to have an appointment made.

You may recall my name from our previous meetings, the last immediately following your address of April 24. You may also recall my name in connection of my chairmanship of the Pontiac Chapter of the America First Committee. More recently I have been smeared in the papers due to my former associations with the National Workers League. I worked closely with Mr. Robert Vietig, chairman of the Detroit chapter of A.F.C., and refer you to him for further information about me and my work.

In speaking to Mr. Dohmer last Friday I mentioned my background and suggested that I had several thousand live names of America First Committee members in Pontiac, Royal Oak, Birmingham and outlying districts. These names may well serve you in your campaign for the Senatorship. Mr. Dohmer seemed immensely pleased with this idea, and urged that I be sure to write you, addressing you personally, and said he would arrange a brief meeting after your meeting on Tuesday, the 12th.

Tuesday night I should like also to have you meet a trusted associate of mine who is employed in the same machine shop with me at St. Clair Shores. I have worked with him, and can vouch for him fully.

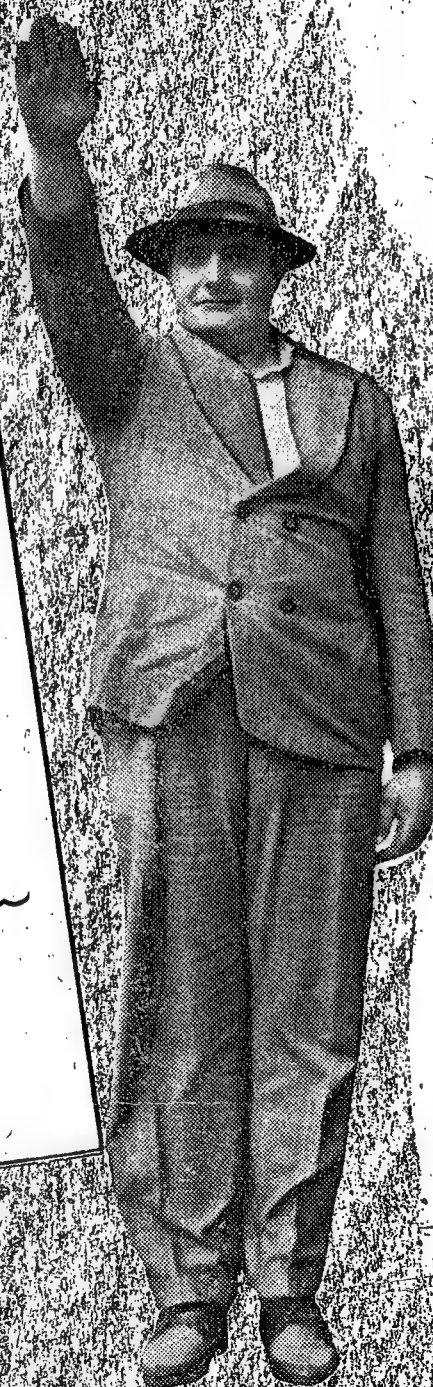
We shall be glad to volunteer our spare time in whatever capacity you deem us best qualified. Wishing you the success which you so well deserve in your Senatorial campaign, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Garland L. Alderman
Garland L. Alderman

PS. I am having this letter delivered personally at your office.

Read the letter from Alderman, on trial for sedition, to Smith . . . then see below Carlson's report on subsequent developments.



SAID JOHN ROY CARLSON IN Under Cover:

"As the crowd (in Maccabee Auditorium where Gerald L. K. Smith had just conducted a rally) began to thin out, Garland and I walked down the main aisle to Smith. I watched every move closely. From his inner pocket Garland took out the petition and the America First lists. With these in hand, he approached the smiling and expectant Smith and introduced me as his friend. Smith greeted us cordially, took both the petition and the list and placed them in his coat pocket. Garland stated that he would very much like to work for him in his campaign, but he did not want to be conspicuous because of his background in the National Workers League. Smith smiled knowingly and said: 'We can take that up later.'"

of Gerald L. K. Smith

THEY COME in droves to hear Gerald L. K. Smith — to the Macabee Building or the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. The bitter, frustrated, disheveled "Mothers" who mutter about the "International Bankers" and the "World Government Conspiracy." The ignorant, fanatical "Fundamentalists" who think that Hitler is doing a good job of eliminating the "Christ-Killers." The poverty-stricken old people who think that Smith is a Messiah who will lead them into the Promised Land where there is \$200 a month for everyone over 60. The clerical Fascists — followers of Father Charles E. Coughlin — who scream about the "Jews" and the "Money Changers" and how Roosevelt got us into this war. The Hitler-heiling members of the National Workers League who peddle the forged *Protocols of Zion* to Smith's followers.

It was partly through effective rabble-rousing and partly through chance that the Reverend Smith was able to collect such a following. Ten years ago these people were following other Messiahs—Elizabeth Dilling who is on trial for sedition, Father Coughlin who has been silenced, and Fritz Kuhn in prison as a dangerous enemy alien.

For years these dissident and subversive groups sought a Leader, someone who could unite them under one intolerant banner, someone who was "respectable" enough to get the ear of big-shots. Major General George Van Horn Moseley, U.S.A., retired, was a candidate, but the little Leaders quarrelled over him. It was not until the formation of the America First Committee that the groups merged. They heiled Hitler and carried the American Flag. They virtually closed up shop to go all out for Lindbergh and Wheeler and Nye.



Japanese bombs raining on Pearl Harbor wrecked the America First Committee, but they did not kill the American Fascist movement. They only dispersed it temporarily. Slowly it began to form again, with the same familiar faces — but some of the familiar Leaders were in jail.

Being a political opportunist, Smith stepped right in. He had been identified with the America First Committee; he had connections with some of its "Intellectuals" and Congressmen. "America First" is a magic slogan to the native Fascists, and making use of it, Smith launched his America First Party.

Now Smith is holding mass meetings in Detroit and other midwestern cities. He occasionally hops over to Chicago to address "Nationalist"

rallies where the followers of Joe McWilliams and Elizabeth Dilling pack the galleries. He is organizing America First units in Denver, Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis. . . .

The America First Party preaches the line that the native Fascists have followed for years: Hate our government. Hate our Allies. Hate the Jews. Defend the native Fascists, for they are good "Christian Americans."

Smith shouts that Father Coughlin is a "priest and a patriot" whom the "Christ-Killers" want to jail. The crowd goes wild in its applause for Coughlin. Smith defends the persons now on trial for conspiring to set up a Nazi regime in the United States. The audiences cheer, for some of these people used to be their leaders.

It is a big-time movement. And the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith is its new Messiah.

WHAT IS NATIONALISM? "Mussolini's fascist system was first described as 'nationalist.' The French fascist organization *Croix de Feu* which developed into a Vichy instrument was called 'nationalist.' The Nazi party is the *National Socialist Party*. The Japanese War Party is a 'nationalist' party and Franco's Falange was first known as a 'nationalist' party. All these countries had their 'Germany First,' 'France First' and 'Spain First' parties. Recall that the motto of Sir Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts was 'Britain First' and Stahrenberg's slogan of the American National-Socialist Party was 'America First, Last and Always.'

"'America First' can be no different in its connotation and ultimate outcome despite the sincere intents of some of those who mouth it. 'America First' is the cry unwittingly used by Liberty's hangmen."

—JOHN ROY CARLSON IN *Under Cover*

The Strange Philosophy

Felon Pelley says:

1 "The Roosevelt Administration, using the present situation as an excuse, is determined to bring the United States under a rigid dictatorship for sinister purposes of its own. The best interests of America will not be served by universal conscription."

—William Dudley Pelley, convicted seditionist, *Liberation*, July 7, 1940.

Felon Pelley says:

2 "Hitler has said again and again that he fully subscribes to the Monroe Doctrine—let the United States mind her western-hemisphere business but allow him the same privilege in regard to Europe's."

—William Dudley Pelley, *Liberation*, August 7, 1940.



Felon Pelley says:

3 "It is futile to plead that American territory and property were wantonly attacked in the Hawaiis. The attack obviously resulted from a baleful and provocative diplomacy which appeared to neglect no opportunity to make actionist enemies of all major countries on the globe but England."

William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, January 5, 1942.

Felon Pelley says:

4 "That is, because so much of our fleet is in the Atlantic conveying supplies to Britain, our proud Navy must be battered to pieces in the Pacific."

—William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, February 9, 1942.

Felon Pelley says:

5 "To rationalize that the United States got into the war because of an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor is fiddle-faddle. Unprovoked, indeed! All Americans are not fools!"

—William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, February 16, 1942.

Felon Pelley says:

6 "Help me as you can to carry through in spite of the Jews, Britishers and Communists in the Federal Administration. I'll be right there fighting for the right so long as the Great Galilean gives me strength."

—William Dudley Pelley, February 20, 1942.

PELLEY'S WEEKLY

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August 5, 1936.

L. M. Birkhead,
3425 Baltimore Ave.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Birkhead:

Answering your letter of the 3rd regarding Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith's connection with the Silver Shirts, which you say he denies, we have on file certain letters and telegrams from him received during July and August 1935. The letters are all written on Silver Shirts of America letterheads and signed by him. His registration number as a member of the Silver Shirts was 3223 and his wife's number was 3220.

The enclosed extracts from these letters will undoubtedly serve your purpose.

Sincerely yours,

The Pelley Publishers,

H. E. Martin,
Executive Director.

When Smith denied his connection with the convicted seditionist Pelley, L. M. Birkhead wrote directly to Pelley's headquarters for information. This is the letter he received. (See opposite page for excerpts from Smith's letters and telegrams to Pelley's Silver Shirt headquarters.)

of Gerald L. K. Smith

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

1 "I call upon every wife, every mother and father, every son, who opposes this unprecedented program of peace-time draft, to join up with us in this crusade to preserve our American institutions against these conspiracies that are being hatched in the name of emergency."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *Too Much Roosevelt*, p. 78.

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

2 "Germany cannot win. . . . And if it did, why assume that if we remain neutral Germany will attack this country or infringe upon the Monroe Doctrine?"

—Gerald L. K. Smith, radio address, September, 1939.

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

3 "Those of us who were known as isolationists before Pearl Harbor held the conviction that we should not prowl over the world hunting for a war to get into."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, June, 1942.

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

4 "And later, we turned away from our own heroes at Bataan. Let them starve to death or be murdered because we believed aid to them would divert supply ships from England's needs."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, June 1943.

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

5 "Only God in Heaven knows how we happened to get into this war. Oh, yes, we were attacked by the Japanese, but why did the Japs attack us?"

—Gerald L. K. Smith, radio address entitled "I Confess."

Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

6 "Whoever dreamed that it would be dangerous to be a Christian American in America. I ask the prayers of you all as I carry on for you."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, February, 1943.



Western Union Telegram dated July 22, 6:54 P.M.
William Dudley Pelley or Robert Sunnerville
Care Asheville Biltmore Hotel or Liberation Magazine
Women's Club Bldg., Asheville, N. Car.
NO MAIL WHEN CAN WE EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS PEOPLE ENROUTE SEEKING
ANSWER WESTERN UNION (Signed) Gerald L.K. Smith

Letter dated July 31, 1933
"As was my understanding with Mr. Pelley I am personally under cover and will be until I can make some adjustment honorable to my work here."

Letter dated Aug. 8th, 1933
"I have been working under cover but will come out in the open the first Monday after the first Sunday in September. I succeeded yesterday in enrolling a man here with about one million dollars in oil."

"I have about three addresses ready on the following subjects:
'Who Stole America'
'Your Name May Be on the Death List'
'America's Real Dictator is an Alien'

I am preparing others on the subjects:
'Who Will Save Your Life When the Bolsheviks Descend Upon Us'
'Some Day 100,000,000 Americans Will Hide Behind a Silver Shirt For Protection'
'Why I Left the Conventional Pulpit to Join the Christian Militia of the Silver Legion.'

Letter dated August 15th.
"By the time you receive this letter I shall be on the road to St. Louis and parts northtogether with a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America."

Letter from Hot Springs - not dated but received by us on Aug. 18, 1933:
"Nine o'clock the second night. We have held three mass meetings two street meetings, appointed key men for literature in six towns; no, seven towns."
Letter dated August 18th, from Shreveport, La:
"On Friday last I realized that it would be impossible for me to leave the active ministry."
". . . but for the present and for at least six months I am asking that you disassociate me with the movement, officially."
"My storm troop has not lost one ounce of their courage and I have said or done nothing to affect their attitude."

Above are excerpts from letters and telegrams sent by Smith to Pelley's Silver Shirt headquarters. Note that Smith boasts of forming the "first Silver Shirt storm troop in America." (See opposite page for letters giving Smith's Silver Shirt registration number.)

I also believed that by backing Hitler and his party I could contribute to the reinstatement of real government and of orderly conditions, which would enable all branches of activity—and especially business—to function normally once again.

Not for an instant did I imagine that it was possible, one hundred and fifty years after the French Revolution and the proclamation of the Rights of Man, to substitute arbitrary action for law in a great modern country; to strangle the most elementary rights of the citizen, to establish an Asiatic tyranny in the heart of Europe. . . .

I am not a politician, but an industrialist, and an industrialist is always inclined to consider politics a kind of second string to his bow—the preparation for his own particular activity.

On January 7, 1932—almost a year before he seized power—Adolf Hitler made a speech lasting about two and a half hours before the Industry Club of Dusseldorf. The speech made a deep impression on the assembled industrialists, and in consequence of this a number of large contributions flowed from the resources of heavy industry into the treasuries of the National Socialist Party. (Publishers Note: The speech is a mixture of the oldest and most outworn economic platitudes, pseudo-scientific phrases, racism and Providence, culminating in the sophism: "The economic parallel of political democracy is Communism!")

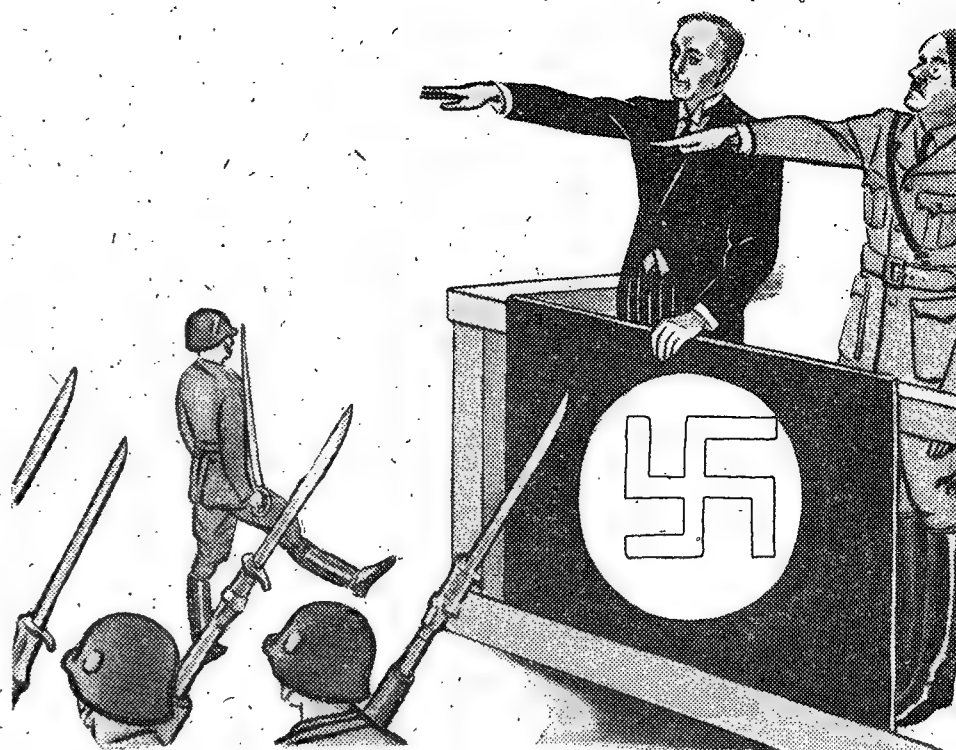
Publishers Note: The fate of Fritz Thyssen, the great German nationalist, the mightiest German industrialist, and the devoted Catholic, is the outstanding example of how Hitler is protecting the patriots, the industrialists, and the Christians from Communism.

The Big Mystery

WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF THE MONEY BEING SPENT TO PROMOTE THE REVOLUTIONARY GERALD L. K. SMITH

What is the source of income for the revolutionary Gerald L. K. Smith? When Adolf Hitler was rabble-rousing in Germany and threatening to "seize the government," he enlisted the support of wealthy industrialists who wanted "orderly government" and "protection from Communism." There is reason to believe that Smith, too, is enlisting the support of wealthy industrialists. In the Dodge divorce case, Mrs. Dodge testified that her husband, Horace Dodge, millionaire automobile magnate, had been a large contributor to Smith. When Edward A. Powers sued Smith for his share of the profits of the Committee of 1,000,000, Powers charged that "one of the principal items of income was subsidies or contributions of certain prominent persons. . . ."

Fritz Thyssen was one of the German industrialists who contributed to Hitler in the hope that National Socialism would bring "orderly government" and "protection from Communism." The "orderly government" swept away his entire fortune and made a wreck of Thyssen.



During the early days of National Socialism, Fritz Thyssen stood by Adolf Hitler, who, he believed, was saving Germany from Communism. Thyssen persuaded other German industrialists to back the Fuehrer. He helped to formulate the anti-Communist laws which he believed would save the country from Bolshevism.



It is one of the greatest ironies of history that the very anti-Communist laws which Thyssen helped to pass were used against him. All of his property was confiscated. He fled from Germany a broken man, physically as well as financially.

CAN THE SAME THING HAPPEN HERE?

DOES THIS MAKE THE PATTERN FOR REVOLUTION CLEAR TO YOU?

We have given you as briefly as we know how the story of Gerald L. K. Smith. We have proved that:

SMITH hopped on every *revolutionary* bandwagon that came his way—the Silver Shirts, the Ham and Egg movement, the Coughlin movement, the America First upsurge which swelled its ranks with the Hitler-heilers and Coughlinites.

SMITH picked for himself *revolutionary* associates. His “friends” include out-and-out Nazis, out-and-out Fascists, border-line cases. Each of them has indicated willingness to go along with Smith’s kind of *revolution*.

SMITH’S philosophy closely parallels that of the Nazi *revolutionary*, William Dudley Pelley, who is now serving a jail sentence for sedition.

SMITH draws his mass support from the political gutters. From the badly-adjusted, the malcontents, those who have least to lose and most to gain from *revolution*, any kind of *revolution*.

SMITH is angling for financial support from wealthy industrialists.

Does that show what Smith is up to? His history is *revolutionary*, his associates are *revolutionary*, his philosophy is *revolutionary*, his supporters are potential *revolutionists*. Smith wants financial backing from wealthy industrialists. Adolf Hitler sought the backing of industrialists too; he came to power that way.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Help to tell more people about the DANGER of Smith’s movement.

If you know people who are supporting Smith, tell them to stop it. It may cause them trouble.

Urge your minister to study Smith carefully and expose him. Smith exploits Christianity. Disgraces Christianity. Repudiates *true* Christianity.

Write your local newspapers telling them about the REVOLUTIONARY Gerald K. Smith. Urge them to investigate and expose his America First movement.

Protest to the Governor of your State, to your Senators and Congressmen. Warn them against making any alliance with Smith, against any compromise with Smith. He will disgrace them AND their party.

Write to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Urge them to investigate Smith carefully . . . his revolutionary doctrines, his subversive connections.

As a conscientious American, with a son, a daughter, brother or sister, uncle or just a friend in the service—help to defeat this man in whatever he is doing or in whatever he tries to do. He will sabotage YOU, the peace, and the future welfare of this country.

Sincerely yours,

REX STOUT
L. M. BIRKHEAD
FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, Inc., is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Kansas City, Missouri. Since 1937 it has been exposing subversive movements in this country, and its files on un-American activities, built over a period of seven years, are among the most nearly complete in the United States.

SMITH REPUDIATED

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

BRICKER REJECTS 'AMERICA FIRST' AID

At St. Louis He Repudiates Smith's 'Nomination' of Him, Scores Racial Prejudice

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1 — Governor Bricker, Republican nominee for Vice President, denounced as "the cheapest of demagoguery" today the attempts of Gerald L. K. Smith to associate his name with that of Smith in the national campaign.

"I had paid very little attention to Gerald L. K. Smith or his movement until last night, when he associated my name with his and his movement in some kind of meeting held up in Michigan," Governor Bricker said.

Bricker said.
"I hate demagoguery, religious intolerance and racial prejudice. They can destroy our free government as they have destroyed liberty around the world. I shall fight them as long as I am in public office and as long as I live."

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 "The right of religious worship,
 according to the dictates of one's
 own conscience, is protected to
 every American citizen in the Bill
 of Rights, men and women of
 our country.
 dying to
 right. We must
 at home.

AUGUST 2, 1944.

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at home. "The act of Smith in associating my name with his on a spurious ticket, without notice of any kind whatsoever, is the cheap demagoguery. I denounce shall not have my name in any such connection." **NE**

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Butte, Mont., July 18 (AP)—Sen. Wheeler (D-Mont.), notified of the America First Party resolution supporting him for the Democratic Presidential candidate, said today that "Gerald Smith does not represent nor speak for me in any way, shape or form."

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DEWEY DENOUNCES 'HITLER-LIKE' SMITH FOR BRICKER 'SMEAR'

At Springfield, Ill., He Assails Nomination of Running Mate by 'America First Party'

By WARREN MOSCOW

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 1—
 on his way to the conference...

At a press conference he denounced Gerald L. K. Smith's nomination of John W. Bricker as Mr. Smith's running mate on the ticket of the America First party, calling Smith a Hitler-like rabble-rouser who was making a contemptible attempt to smear Governor Bricker.

Laying a wreath
Abraham Lincoln
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AUGUST 2, 1944.

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE,

Dewey Scores Gerald Smith; Sees 'Smear'

Asserts America First 'Nomination' of Bricker Was a 'Sinister' Move

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Tues., Aug. 1, 1944

Dewey Likens Gerald Smith To Hitler

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 1 (UP).—Gov. Dewey opened his Republican Presidential campaign in Illinois today with a charge that Gerald L. K. Smith, American First leader, was a race-baiting rabble-rouser comparable to Adolf Hitler and was seeking to "smear" Gov. Bricker, of Ohio, the GOP Vice-Presidential candidate.

By LEO

THE NEW YORK SUN,

DEWEY CHARGES BRICKER SMEAR BY G. L. K. SMITH

Says America First Head, Like Hitler, Deals in Race Prejudice.

CALLS HIM RABBLE ROUSER

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1 (A. P.).
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The Strange Ways of the "Anti" Propagandists

Edward James Smythe, the Bundist, Christian Fronter, Ku Kluxer, alleged seditionist, etc., has announced that he is running for Congress as an independent from New York's twenty-first district, his sedition trial notwithstanding.

In connection with his race, Smythe recently sent a telegram to Thomas E. Dewey demanding to know how he stood "on the question of Communism against Americanism; nationalism against internationalism." "As Republican candidate for the presidency," Smythe wired, "you have already gone on record throughout the nation condemning all those whose love for America makes them believe that this country should be first in their hearts, deep in their reverence and in the final analysis standing for America first."

It isn't surprising that Smythe came forth with the politically unorthodox insinuation that Mr. Dewey prefers "Communism" to "Americanism." Alleged seditionists are seldom outstanding exponents of political orthodoxy. On the other hand, it is surprising to find that Smythe isn't even an orthodox fascist.

It isn't that Smythe doesn't believe in fascism; he just can't get along with the fascists. All of which should have some bearing on the number of votes Smythe will get as a Congressional candidate. Ordinarily, candidates aren't deluged with votes if they're unable to get along even with their friends. But then there is nothing ordinary about Smythe.

Smythe, the leader of the Protestant War Veterans and the Protestant Chaplains Association, caused quite a stir in "vermin press" circles recently, for one report had it that he was going to turn state's witness in the current sedition trial, that he was going to "sing" for the prosecution against the twenty-five other defendants. Smythe snapped back that he has "a very good tenor voice" and that he "sang Christmas carols for the boys" in jail, but aside from that he had no intention of doing any singing whatsoever. Some of the "vermin" believe him; some of them have their doubts.

But rumors that Smythe will "sing" are unimportant in comparison with the other insults which Smythe has been hurling at the fascists of late. In the first place, James Laughlin, who was Smythe's lawyer for a time, is a hero very close to the hearts of the "vermin" editors. Smythe tactlessly quarreled with Laughlin at a time when the lawyer was having trouble with Judge Eicher at the sedition trial. Smythe denounced Laughlin, and the "vermin" press denounced Smythe. Nevertheless, Smythe broke with his lawyer.

That isn't all. More than anyone else in the world the fascists hate Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, and Judge Eicher. A short time back Smythe issued this statement through the office of his attorney, M. Edward Buckley, Jr.: "While of course Justice Eicher needs no defense for his judicial conduct of this case (the sedition trial); nevertheless I feel that as a leading defendant in this Gilbert

and Sullivan comedy of laughs and errors, I should do just that. . . . When history is written about this most historic case, the chief justice will take his place as an outstanding American jurist with a deep sense of fair play and justice."

The last straw was Smythe's offer to testify against Edwin P. Banta, and, of all things, in defense of John Roy Carlson. Banta has worked for every pro-fascist organization from the American Women Against Communism to the German American Bund; Carlson is the author of the best-seller, *Under Cover*, which exposed American fascists. The New York district attorney charges that Banta tried to "frame" Carlson on charges of attempting to assault a young woman. In a wire to the New York district attorney, Smythe said that he did not believe the charges against Carlson and that he had information about Banta which he would be glad to turn over to the proper authorities.

In the light of his disrepute with the Democrats, the Republicans, and even the fascists, it would seem that getting elected to Congress would be rough sledding for Smythe. But Smythe has hidden talents. It was he who brought about the marriage of the German American Bund and the Ku Klux Klan at Camp Nordland. And it was he who, after being indicted three times for sedition and conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces, obtained for the projects of his Protestant Chaplains Association the endorsement of the governors of eight states.

Elmhurst Sues Eicher and Rogge

Ernest F. Elmhurst, who went on trial for sedition early this year, is ready now to taste sweet retribution. Although his trial is still underway, he has filed a suit for \$100,000 against Edward C. Eicher, the judge at the sedition trial, and another \$100,000 suit against O. John Rogge, the government prosecutor.

Field Day In his complaint against Judge Eicher, Elmhurst charges that he suffered damages "in the sum of one-hundred thousand dollars" through the Judge's having him "unlawfully and wrongfully" arrested and imprisoned. Rogge is charged with having "devised ways and means" of causing Elmhurst to be dismissed from his job as a waiter at the Shoreham Hotel, where Elmhurst worked while not attending the sedition trial.

Judge Eicher, Elmhurst says, ordered two Deputy U. S. Marshals to detain Elmhurst forcibly during lunch hour on July 12 so that the Judge and Prosecutor Rogge might question him. The object of this questioning, the complaint charges, was that of inducing Elmhurst "to make untrue allegations of fact" against James J. Laughlin, the lawyer who was expelled from the sedition case.

Accusing Rogge of bad sentence structure as well as conspiracy to deprive him of his job, Elmhurst charges that on July 16 Rogge said: "I have just found out that Elmhurst is

working at the Shoreham Hotel and am going to do something about it. Elmhurst is going to give us a lot of trouble in this case because he is going to subpoena Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin and if he does that and they go into the matter of the 'Second Louisiana Purchase' and the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Huey Long and he is able to get before the grand jury the remark made to Father Coughlin by President Roosevelt when Huey Long was assassinated, it was going to injure Roosevelt in his campaign for a fourth term."

Lawyer for Elmhurst in these two suits is none other than James J. Laughlin, who may enjoy the taste of sweet retribution himself. Laughlin is annoyed with Judge Eicher for having dismissed him from the sedition case, and he is annoyed with Rogge for some involved reason. According to Elmhurst's complaint against Judge Eicher, Rogge and Laughlin have been accusing each other of engaging in various "conspiracies."

They Called It "Political Persecution"

The "vermin press" has lost a cause célèbre.

It all started in 1940 when Tyler Kent, a code clerk in the American Embassy at London, was dismissed from his job, arrested by the British, and sentenced to seven years in prison allegedly for stealing government documents. Nothing was heard about the case for a long while. Then rumors made the rounds that Kent believed in **Tyler Kent** "America First," that he had decoded secret messages between Roosevelt and Churchill who were plotting to drag this nation into war and to rule the world, that Kent was the victim of political persecution because he threatened to expose the evil machinations of the British and American leaders.

The "vermin press" had a cause célèbre. *America Preferred* screamed that "both America and England may learn something about the perfidy of its leadership in World War II" when the "truth" about the Kent case was aired. The *Herald* in Hot Springs, New Mexico, clamored for a Congressional investigation; so did C. Leon de Aryan's *Broom. X-Ray* in Muncie, Indiana, protested that "Kent, an American citizen, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by a British court on a mysterious charge." It added that, when the facts of the case were learned, "it might blast the New Deal and the fourth term campaign out of existence." The *Constitutionalist*, *America Speaks*, the *Cross and the Flag*, the *Gaelic American* all jumped into the fray. The furor rose to a crescendo when Kent's supporters told the press they were "bending every effort" to bring the Kent case before Congress, onto the floor of the Democratic National Convention, and before the Supreme Court.

The State Department must have dampened the ardor of the Kentites somewhat early last month when it issued a statement about the case. Kent, according to the State Department, had stolen 1,500 secret documents from the American Embassy before he was apprehended, and large

quantities of these documents had been turned over to the Germans. Scotland Yard, the State Department said, had become suspicious of Kent because of his association with "a group of persons suspected of conducting pro-German activities under the cloak of anti-Jewish propaganda."

The final blow came three days later when Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to Britain at the time of Kent's arrest, told his version of the Tyler Kent case. Kennedy, it will be recalled, was an ardent American Firster. It is logical to assume that, if Kent were a patriotic American whose only interest were preventing America from going to war and preventing Roosevelt and Churchill from "plotting" to "rule the world," Kennedy would have supported the code clerk. Instead of backing Kent, Kennedy said that if America had been at war in 1940 he would have "recommended that (Kent) be brought back to the United States and shot."

Ambassador Kennedy backed up the State Department's version of the Kent case, and elaborated upon it. According to Kennedy, Kent was in touch with the Italian Embassy in London, and it is probable that all important data contained in the 1,500 documents was relayed to Berlin via the Italians. Prime Minister Churchill, who in 1940 was First Lord of the Admiralty, had been supplying Roosevelt with detailed information about England's manpower, army and navy installations, and preparedness. This means, according to Kennedy, that Germany probably had "exact and complete" knowledge of England's position in the war from its start until October, 1940, through Tyler Kent.

"When (Kent) was arrested and I asked him what he could have been thinking of, he showed no remorse, but went into an anti-Semitic blast that was a terrible thing," Kennedy said.

Incidentally Kent, prior to his arrest, had written to the American Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin asking that he be assigned to the American Embassy there. When asked what he would have done with the 1,500 documents in his possession if he had been transferred to Berlin, Kent replied that the question was "hypothetical" and he could not answer it.

➤ Spiritual Mobilization Swings Into Action

Like the American Democratic National Committee and the National Physicians Committee, Spiritual Mobilization has a distinct smell of the Committee for Constitutional Government. The Committee for Constitutional Government, it will be remembered, is run by Edward A. Rumely, who was convicted as a German agent during the last war, and Frank Gannett.

This time the connecting link is the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, who is on the advisory board of Spiritual Mobilization and who is also chairman of the Gannett-Rumely Committee. Peale once gave the invocation at a meeting of super "patriots" where Elizabeth Dilling and Edward Lodge Curran were the chief speakers.

\$50,000 Spiritual Mobilization states its purpose as "an effort to arouse the ministers of all denominations to check the trends toward pagan statism, which would destroy our basic freedoms and ideals." In the name of this holy crusade they are bombarding Protestant ministers all over the country with leaflets from such reactionaries as Upton Close, Channing Pollock, Senator Albert Hawks, all members of the advisory board. They hammer home the theme that totalitarian forces are going to destroy freedom and we must mobilize spiritually if we are to preserve free enterprise. Also they insert ads in church papers warning men in the service of "how far we have gotten on the home front from the things for which you fought at Sicily, at Guadalcanal or in Normandy."

From Upton Close we read: "Now I do not believe it is necessary at all . . . for the United States to participate in everybody's wars every time they start up. But either we are in this game, or we are not in the game. We have got to make up our minds, or we are going to completely destroy our national integrity and go nationally insane. . . . We can save America. . . . That's a man-sized job. . . . It means walking between the pitfalls of reaction and toryism on one side and statism stepping in to wipe out all free initiative on the other side. . . . Every day I get some new proofs of the plots that are going on. I have begun to wonder what is behind the Selective Service contradictions. . . . I can foresee if this Selective Service draft is pushed far enough it can completely eliminate all private business and professions in the United States — except those conducted by women."

Channing Pollock writes of the shocking expenditures under bureaucracy and warns of the "preposterous and impossible 'Four Freedoms' of slaves and convicts." Edgar M. Queeny's book, *The Spirit of Free Enterprise*, is an

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Oct. issue of "The Protestant" carries an article on same subject.

other favorite, and is mailed out by the thousands. This is the little number which the Committee for Constitutional Government plugged for months and offered for sale in large lots at special prices.

Spiritual Mobilization was organized ten years ago, according to its director, the Rev. J. W. Fifield, Jr. Fifield is the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, one of the largest churches in the country. Little was known of his organization until fairly recently, when advertisements began appearing in Fundamentalist papers such as Gerald B. Winrod's *Defender*, and people like Peale, Close, Pollock, et al got on the job. They have now opened an Eastern branch with headquarters at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York. In August the Unitarian Ministers Conference at Lake Geneva assailed the "policies, literature, and advertisements of Spiritual Mobilization, Inc." But, also recently, Fifield spoke before the National Association of Manufacturers and collected \$50,000 for the movement.

Will Spiritual Mobilization use this \$50,000 to subsidize allegedly seditious publications like the *Defender*? We sincerely hope this money will not be so used. What is the Spiritual Mobilization up to anyway? What is its real purpose?

SOCIAL NOTES

FLASH: The Peace Now Movement is closing its doors. "The financial situation . . . has become so unsatisfactory that the National headquarters have determined to dissolve," John Ewbank, treasurer of the Movement, announced. "Hence the local chapters must cease using the name of the Peace Now Movement."

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Gerald B. Winrod, who commutes between Wichita, Kansas, where he still operates his propaganda mill, and Washington, D. C., where he is on trial for sedition, has just written a new book, the *Great Christian Pledge*. The book will be sent as a bonus to contributors, for Winrod is trying to step up the number and size of his contributions. "Our expenses are terrifically high these days," Winrod wrote his friends. "You know that Colonel Sanctuary, Mrs. Dilling, I, and other Bible-believing Christians are, these days, being given the honor of enduring persecution. . . . I am sorry to place these matters before you. But somehow, I feel that you don't mind! Your hearts and prayers are with us."

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Joseph Kamp, leader of the Constitutional Educational League, recently published a new booklet, "Vote C.I.O. . . . and Get a Soviet America." The title is reminiscent of a booklet Kamp published back in 1937—"Join the C.I.O. and Help Build a Soviet America." The latter won the praise of World Service, the Nazi propaganda agency in Erfurt, Germany.

The Citizens U.S.A. Committee, one of the leading "nationalist" organizations in Chicago, is distributing T. W. Hughes' book, *40 years of Roosevelt*. As the BATTLEFRONT announced a few months ago, Gerald L. K. Smith is distributing it too. In joining forces with Hughes, both the citizens U.S.A. Committee and Smith have abandoned all pretense of "respectability," for Hughes' background is full of swastikas, the German American Bund, and alleged seditionists.

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Competing with *40 years of Roosevelt* as a best-seller among the "nationalists" is *Washington Squirrel Cage*, a new book by Morris A. Bealle. Distributed by the American Democratic National Committee, this book is a thorough-going denunciation of the Administration and its policies. Besides following the usual "nationalist" line, it is full of themes and clichés common in the "vermin press." For example, the "vermin press" have been building up Huey Long as a great man who was murdered by some mysterious conspirators. Bealle gives Long a plug. Like the "vermin press" Bealle characterizes Henry Klein as a "lawyer from New York of definite Jeffersonian principles. "Until recently Klein was a lawyer at the sedition trials." Bealle uses that well-worn "vermin" cliché, "Screw Deal," when describing the New Deal. Like Elizabeth Dilling, his humor runs to nicknames—"Wallowing Walter Winchell," "Haphazard Harry Hopkins," and "Francis Algernon Percival Cholmondeley Biddle."

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Enlightened Americanism

In answer to many requests, the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT is reprinting this letter from John Steinbeck. Shortly after the publication of Mr. Steinbeck's book, *Grapes of Wrath*, the native fascist press screamed that its author was Jewish. L. M. Birkhead, National Director of Friends of Democracy, wrote Mr. Steinbeck asking whether this were true. Here is his reply:

"Dear Mr. Birkhead:

"I am answering your letter with a good deal of sadness. I am sad for a time when one must know a man's race before his work can be approved or disapproved. It does not seem important to me whether I am Jewish or not, and I know that a statement of mine is useless if an *interested* critic wishes to ride a preconceived thesis. I cannot see how the *Grapes of Wrath* can be Jewish propaganda but then I have heard it called communist propaganda also.

"It happens that I am not Jewish and have no Jewish blood but it only happens that way. I find that I do not experience any pride that it is so.

"If you wish—here is my racial map although you know what an intelligent anthropologist thinks of racial theories. As you will see, I am the typical American Airedale.

"My grandfather on my father's side was German, the son of a farming family which lived and still lives on a fairly large farm near Dusseldorf. My grandfather came

to America in the late fifties in time to be in the Civil War. There has been little communication with the German branch since then except for a visit to Germany about four years ago by a second cousin of mine. He reports that the family still lives on the same farm and that they appear to be good citizens, intensely blond and quite able to prove the nonsensical thing the Nazis insist on. Their name and ours by the way was Grosssteinbeck, but the three s's in a row were an outrage to America so my grandfather dropped the first syllable in the interest of spelling.

"My German grandfather married a New England woman whose family name was Dickson who came from Leominster, Massachusetts, where her family had lived since the middle seventeenth century.

"On my mother's side my blood is all north Irish, my grandfather whose name was Hamilton, having come from Mulkeragh near Londonderry and his wife whose name was Feaghan from nearby.

"Any way there it is. Use it or don't use it, print it or not. Those who wish for one reason or another to believe me Jewish, will go on believing it while men of good will and good intelligence won't care one way or another.

"I can prove these things of course—but when I shall have to—the American democracy will have disappeared.

"Yours is the only one of many letters I have received on the same subject. It is the first I have answered and I think it is the last. I fully recognize your position and

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do not in the least blame you for it. I am only miserable for the time and its prejudice that prompt it.

"Sincerely,

"JOHN STEINBECK"

"P.S. On both sides and for many generations we are blond and blue eyed to a degree to arouse the admiration and perhaps envy of the dark complexioned Hitler."

K K K: 1944 Version

Wilbert Lee (Pass-the-Biscuits, Pappy) O'Daniel, who yodelled his way into the United States Senate with the help of a hill-billy band and an anti-Roosevelt, anti-labor, anti-liquor platform, now wants to yodel Franklin D. Roosevelt out of the White House and return the Democratic Party to the principles of White Supremacy, etc.

Actually, "Pappy" seems to be out to organize a new party, one with Ku Klux Klan trimmings. At least he wants to wean the South away from the Roosevelt-dominated Democrats, and his following smacks of the Klan. The anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic elements have flocked to the O'Daniel banner, and Eugene Talmadge, the Georgia Klansman, has found that "Pappy's" politics essentially are in agreement with his own.

Ordinarily, a revolt against the Democratic Party would lead the revolvers into the Republican camp, but the South is no ordinary case. "Pappy" once went so far as to say that "even a Republican" would make a better President than Mr. Roosevelt, but that was a faux pas on his part. Worse than anything else, the South hates Republicans. "Pappy" hasn't mentioned the Republicans again, but, since worse than anything else "Pappy" hates Roosevelt, O'Daniel has set out to convince the South that Roosevelt is no Democrat.

Forming a new party in solidly Democratic territory is a rather difficult job, but "Pappy" may have hit on the proper propaganda technique. This is the way he works it:

First: "Pappy" ignores the war. Generally speaking, the South is very much in favor of prosecuting the war, and it looks with distrust upon those who, even indirectly, say a good word for Germany or Japan. "Pappy" learned this by trial and error. He used to say that this is "Roosevelt's war," that the "Communists and labor racketeers have got us into . . . it." He doesn't say those things any more. He just pretends that the war doesn't exist.

Second: "Pappy" spends all his energy denouncing the Administration. He wastes no time denouncing Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo, Franco, or even the Republicans. Instead, he fires all his ammunition at "Franklin the Fourth," the "New Deal Dynasty," the "wild-eyed labor leader racketeers" who, he says, have taken over the Democratic Party.

Carrying "Pappy's" message to his followers each week is the *W. Lee O'Daniel News*, an eight-column, four-page newspaper, which is full of headlines like this: "C.I.O. New Deal Means Dictatorship," "Washington Dynasty

Junks Original Bill of Rights," "Farmers Must be Destroyed Says Franklin," "U. S. Pay Rolls Bulging With New Employees," "Trade Birthright for Mess of Communistic Pottage," "Communists Take Over New Deal." This newspaper is alleged to have a circulation of 100,000, and "Pappy" has run into some difficulty in Washington because he didn't want to tell where he got his large supply of strictly rationed newsprint.

Supplementing the *W. Lee O'Daniel News* are "Pappy's" radio broadcasts. Close to seventy local radio stations, from New York to California, broadcast "Pappy's" speeches almost every day in the week. Often these talks are reprinted in pamphlet form and mailed to potential O'Daniel followers.

"Pappy's" technique of ignoring the war, denouncing the Administration, and spreading his message as widely as possible, has gathered unto O'Daniel a very large following, which by no means is limited to Texas. O'Daniel's literature, viewed superficially, looks like a tempest in a teapot. The Senator is organizing against the Democrats, yet he does not support the Republicans nor has he put a third party candidate into the field. O'Daniel's associates, however, makes it appear that "Pappy" does have a plan. . . .

O'Daniel's first support from the organized pro-fascist elements came in 1941 while "Pappy" was still Governor of Texas. At that time Vance Muse and Lewis Valentine Ulrey, both of whom belong in the pro-fascist Fundamentalist camp, joined the O'Daniel ranks. A "Christian business man who neither fears the financial buccaneer, the labor racketeer nor the professional politician," Ulrey said of "Pappy."

Muse and Ulrey run the Christian American Association, a movement which grew out of the Fundamentalist magazine, the *Christian American*. During its early days the *Christian American* was edited by "Pappy's" J. Ernest Staack and the Rev. Harry Hodge, both of whom had all kinds of connections, directly and indirectly, with Gerald Winrod and Elizabeth Dilling, both of whom are on trial for sedition. But Muse and Ulrey gave the activities of the Christian Americans a new twist, and that's where "Pappy" came in.

Like Hitler, all the pro-fascists oppose labor unions, and the Christian Americans are no exception. When "Pappy" came out against the "dominating . . . blood-sucking, money-minded . . . power-crazed, wild-eyed labor racketeers," Muse and Ulrey threw aside their Fundamentalist crusades and vigorously supported "Pappy."

In the spring of 1941, O'Daniel pushed an "anti-violence" labor bill through the Texas state legislature. Actually, the bill outlawed picketing, and, if interpreted strictly, would make it illegal for union men to hold a meeting. Jubilant at the bill's passage, "Pappy" and the Christian Americans went proselytizing into neighboring states—Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas.

In Mississippi they were successful. Muse set up a branch office in Jackson, the state capital, to propagan-

dize for the passage of a bill "patterned after the Texas statue" but with "several new and strengthened features." It passed without a dissenting vote. The chairman of the judiciary committee of the state Senate later wrote Muse: "I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of the highly effective work you have done in Mississippi. . . . The case looked hopeless for House approval until you and your splendid organization appeared on the scene and became active throughout this state."

In Louisiana, however, O'Daniel and his Christian Americans received a chilly reception. The bill was introduced in the Louisiana legislature; it was reported unfavorably in committee and was killed on the floor of the House. Two Catholic priests, Jerome A. Drolet of New Orleans and E. P. Donahoe of Monroe, said the bill was neither Christian nor American—that it was just plain fascist in nature. Although the O'Daniel bunch complained that the church was interfering with affairs of state, the legislature not only refused to pass the bill, it also called upon the Dies Committee and the F.B.I. to investigate the Christian Americans for subversive activities.

Incidentally, the Christian Americans brought up the Negroes in their arguments with the Louisiana legislature. One sentence in a broadside fired at the legislators said: "White men and women have been forced into unions with Black African apes whom they must call 'brother' or lose their cards and their jobs."

In 1942 O'Daniel introduced this "anti-violence" labor bill into the United States Senate. It received one vote—O'Daniel's.

O'Daniel, himself, carried his "anti-violence" bill to Oklahoma, where he addressed the state legislature. When he told the Oklahomans that the "wild-eyed labor leaders" and "bureaucrats" were seeking to establish a dictatorship in the United States, he was all but thrown out. The legislators accused him of "spreading anti-labor propaganda" and "creating national disunity." "Labor has its racketeers," Representative H. Tom Knight remarked, "but labor of Oklahoma has stood by its guns and there hasn't been one hour of production time lost in this state because of strikes since Pearl Harbor." Representative Fletcher Johnson declared that he couldn't respect the Texas "one damned bit and I'll tell him so." "Who invited 'Pappy' here in the first place?" Representative Pete Weaver wanted to know.

Meanwhile, the Christian Americans made plans to carry their anti-labor campaign all over the country. "THE MISSISSIPPI PLAN for curbing Communism and regulating radicalism and labor-leader racketeering will be carried to every State in the Union," one broadside said. "THE MISSISSIPPI ANTI VIOLENCE IN STRIKE LAW and the RIGHT TO WORK AMENDMENT will be submitted to ALL CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS and for the STATE LEGISLATURE in all 48 states."

"Pappy" also carried his "anti-violence" bill to Arkansas. There he told the legislature that the National Labor Relations Act "represents legislation at its worst," and

recommended that his bill be substituted for the current Wage-Hour law. The Christian Americans followed O'Daniel to Arkansas, where they are working right now on their anti-labor crusade.

The Christian Americans' marriage with "Pappy" would be less frightening if the Christian Americans were simply anti-labor. Although most of their energy at present is being used in fighting labor, they have a long record of being "anti" many other things.

Lewis Valentine Ulrey has been associated with Gerald K. Smith, the Detroit rabble-rouser who used to work for William Dudley Pelley's storm-trooping Silver Shirts. Ulrey has also written prolifically for the *Defender*, a magazine published by Gerald Winrod, who is now on trial for sedition. Ulrey has described Winrod as "one of America's real patriots, and one of the Country's leading protagonists of Christian Americanism." The Department of Justice charges that Winrod conspired with German officials to set up a Nazi government in the United States.

Ulrey's articles in the *Defender* follow the usual pro-fascist line. They condemn the communists, the international bankers, and the Jews, intimating that the three terms are synonymous. They claim that Germany was not responsible for World War I and that the "wicked" Versailles Treaty forced Germany to turn to Hitler. Ulrey follows the fascist line of saying that Nazism was created as an "antidote" to communism and that the Russian communism is controlled by the Jews, alias the "Hidden Hand."

The Christian Americans, then, besides being anti-labor, have strong pro-fascist leanings. The anti-Catholicism of Winrod's *Defender* and the anti-Negro blasts of the Christian Americans lend a distinct Ku Klux Klan flavor to the movement. Furthermore, Muse and Ulrey have demonstrated that they can get results.

And these are the people who make up a core of support for "Pappy"

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Now "Pappy" isn't fighting a one-man crusade which would fold up if he lost interest. "Pappy" has connections.

These "connections" form one of the most weird coalitions on the American scene. It includes solid South Democrats who aren't supposed to speak to Republicans, but who, behind the scenes, work with Republicans and even accept substantial financial aid from them. It includes Eugene Talmadge, vigorous leader of the anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klan, and staunch Catholic Coughlinites, such as William J. Goodwin and Robert Harriss. The unbridgeable gaps have been bridged.

This coalition meets on the common ground of hating Roosevelt, "internationalism," "international bankers," "labor-leader racketeers," communism, aliens and minorities. In short, it is composed of those who follow the pro-fascist line. Temporarily at least they can forget their differences. It will be recalled that Edward James Smythe, who crusaded against Catholics vigorously, made an exception for Father Charles E. Coughlin.

Largely, it was through the American Democratic National Committee that these forces were brought together. Prominent in the Committee are Robert Harriss, Father Coughlin's silver broker, and William J. Goodwin, the Coughlinite who once said "Democracy is nothing but unadulterated slime." Speakers at committee rallies have included O'Daniel and Klansman Eugene Talmadge. Interlocking with the committee, too, are several officers of the reactionary Committee for Constitutional Government. Frank Gannett, formerly who headed the C.C.G., is a Republican of long standing, and Edward Rumely, who is prominent in the C.C.G., was convicted as a German agent during the last war.

Just before the Democratic Convention this summer, the American Democratic National Committee held a rally of their own in Chicago. O'Daniel, as the keynote

speaker, called upon the Democrats to make an equivocal stand for White Supremacy. The Democrats didn't follow "Pappy's" advice, and the Roosevelt-haters abandoned all hope of "reforming" the party this year.

The American Democratic National Committee then asked O'Daniel to head a third party ticket, but "Pappy" refused. Eventually the committee began organizing "Democrats for Dewey" clubs in the northern states. Currently they want to spread their activity to every state in the union.

Now O'Daniel can't go along with the "Democrats for Dewey." That would be political suicide for a southern Senator. Of course O'Daniel did accept \$25,000 from an Oklahoma Republican, but deals like that can be kept relatively quiet. Instead, "Pappy" stepped up his anti-Roosevelt campaign and recommended no one for President.

The anti-Roosevelt faction in Alabama got the idea. This group will support Presidential electors pledged to "Pappy," whether or not "Pappy" chooses to run. O'Daniel was pleased at this "compliment" paid him by the Alabamans.

On the surface, it looks as if these anti-Roosevelt Democrats are dissipating their energy—some backing Dewey, some backing "Pappy," and some backing no one at all. But perhaps they are better organized than they seem. They could have a plan in mind.

In the first place, the A.D.N.C. may be out to split the Democratic vote, giving some of it to Dewey and some of it to anti-Roosevelt Democrats like "Pappy." If this split results in Dewey's election, at least That Man will be out of the White House. If the split results in tying the vote of the Electoral College, so much the better for the A.D.N.C. That would mean that the choice of the President would be left to Congress. In a case like that, Congress could ignore both Roosevelt and Dewey and select a "nationalist" for President.

In the second place, no matter which way the election goes these pro-fascists probably will unite in a third party movement. Undoubtedly they will if Roosevelt is re-elected, and undoubtedly they will if Dewey is elected and if Dewey persists in pressing his "internationalist" schemes. The party probably will call itself "Democratic" in order to appeal to the anti-Roosevelt southerners. Its policies will be very much like the Ku Klux Klan, but in the beginning, at least, it won't be hard on the "good Catholics" like Coughlin.

All of this may be "Pappy's" "plan."

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COUGHLIN'S SUCCESSOR?

Now that Coughlin is quiet, another man has risen to take his place, the Reverend Arthur W. Terminiello, who stated in a recent speech: "There are some things worse than defeat. . . . More important than victory is to stop that slaughter as soon as possible." Immediately upon hearing this the fascists from Indiana to Oregon screamed the praise of their new messiah.

X-Ray, run by Court Asher who is under two Federal indictments for sedition, reprinted the address. So did the United Mothers of America, a Detroit organization. Mary Leach, secretary to the alleged seditionist Elizabeth Dilling, distributed the speech at a meeting of the Constitutional Americans. The Citizens U. S. A. Committee spread it around Chicago. The San Francisco Leader (see page two of the last issue of the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT) picked it up. From Portland, Oregon, H. L. Beach (see page three of this issue) sent out copies.

Terminiello has been in comparative obscurity since his paper, Rural Justice, folded in June, 1943. This paper boasted it was "taking the place of Coughlin's Social Justice," and told its readers: "In your prayers do not forget Father Coughlin whom a great many still love and would like to hear from again."

About four months ago Terminiello again started his bid for Christian Front support with a broadcast titled "The Goss of War—Is It Due to Stupidity or Cupidity?" He intimated that Roosevelt and his administrators were responsible for Pearl Harbor and should be hanged for "MURDER." He defended the accused seditionists, and said Americans should substitute "There are some things worse than defeat" for "We must win the war." This man, hiding behind his clerical robes and masking his utterances with phrases of religion, may take Coughlin's place and revitalize the now dormant Christian Front.

WOMEN GO POLITICAL

The American Women Against Communism is entering politics. This month it reincorporated under the name National League for Good Government and it is out to elect a Congress in 1946 that will oppose communism, immigration, internationalism, taxes, and refugees.

Active in New York for many years, this group has worked closely with Elizabeth Dilling, the alleged seditionist. Edwin Banta, who worked for the German American Bund and who is now in jail, was a main stay of the organization.

"The outcome of the recent election has made us realize that the scope of our activities must be extended to embrace the political as well as the educational side of the picture," the American Women Against Communism announced.

Ex-Convict Forms "Christian" Group

D. Scott Swain, ex-convict and self-styled "bishop of the American Episcopal Church," is organizing the American Christian Liberties Institute in Chicago. The Institute will be "anti-communist," according to Swain, and will "do for Christians what the American Civil Liberties Union does for radicals."

The "bishop" spent five years in jail between 1934 and 1940, first as a confidence man and later for parole violation. At that time he was an attorney and not a minister. His "church" (he admits he has none in Chicago) is not to be confused with the Protestant Episcopal Church with which it has no affiliation.

The "bishop" has made sallies into the pro-fascist field before. He is a staunch supporter of Eugene R. Flitcraft, founder of the Gentile Co-operative Association, whose charter was revoked recently for fostering racial and religious hatreds. Theodore Miller, the "chancellor" of Swain's "church," has worked with the alleged seditionists Joe McWilliams and Elizabeth Dilling.

URGES NEGOTIATED PEACE

Ex-Bund members and Christian Fronters are backing the drive to end the war now. Herbert Lawson Smith, Philadelphia Bundist, leads the drive in the east. Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hynning of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, is active in Chicago. They instruct their followers to write Congressmen to end the war with a negotiated peace.

LINDBERGH TO SPEAK?

Charles Lindbergh will address a mass meeting in Illinois in 1946, if State Republican Chairman John F. Tyrrell has his way. William H. Stuart, active in a group which includes Bundists, Coughlinites, and anti-Semites, attended the state committee meeting at which this was planned, and reported that there would be no objection to such a plan from the men present at that meeting.

DIES' AIDE, A DILLING FAN

Now that Martin Dies has "retired" from the House of Representatives, Elizabeth Dilling says J. B. Matthews, director of research for the Dies Committee, has ". . . told me many times that he has found my books to be factually 100% accurate and that he uses them daily as time-saving reference works. They are always seen on or near his desk."

SPRINGER QUOTES FASCIST

Raymond S. Springer, Congressman from Indiana, recently included an article from X-Ray in the Congressional Record. X-Ray is published by Court Asher, former member of the Ku Klux Klan, who has been indicted for sedition by a Federal Grand Jury. The Congressional Record is a report of the business transacted and discussed in Congress. The article says O.P.A. regulations and War Labor Board decisions are ". . . now threatening the foundations of American Freedom."

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A REPORT ON UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

The un-American pressure groups of this country are once more echoing the nazi propaganda of Dr. Goebbels; this time it is in a drive for a negotiated peace and the complete abandonment of our "unconditional surrender" policy. They claim that such a policy is "Jew-inspired," is based on the *Old Testament* teaching of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and is not the Christian way of doing things.

This drive was started in Germany by Dr. Robert Ley, German labor fuhrer, with a speech which was quoted in *Der Angriff*, Goebel's own newspaper. He said: "Every German . . . knows by now that we are fighting for life or death. That means that eight million Germans have sworn that each takes one enemy along before he dies."

Actually what Dr. Ley said, if stripped of the emotional camouflage, is this: "The German army will try to kill as many of its enemies as possible." This is perfectly natural. The German army would try to kill as many of the enemy as possible whether we asked unconditional surrender or not. The particular twist given to this normal statement of the purpose of an army is meant to play on the emotions of the American people, to force the Allies into a spot where Germany can get off with an easy peace, and be in a position to start preparations for World War III.

This attempt of the Nazis to save their skins was repeated in America.

In the United States Senate, Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, said: "It is inconceivable to me that the American people would tolerate for one moment any such brutal and savage proposals as these designed by Secretary Morgenthau for the ultimate treatment of the German people or the German nation . . ." *The Gaelic American*, voice of Coughlin's Christian Front, ran headlines: "WHEELER FLAYS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, BRANDS MORGENTHAU PROPOSALS SAVAGE."

Court Asher, alleged seditionist, said in *X-Ray*, "... such action would cause the Germans to fight more viciously . . . otherwise they might surrender . . ."

The *Chicago Tribune* beat the majority of the American fascists to the punch by over a month and a half by picking up a speech by Dr. Goebbels and commenting on it this way: Dr. Goebbels "... is managing to summon a fanatical bitter-end resistance because Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill have given Germans who want to quit nothing to refute Goebels' assertion that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by continuing the struggle."

C. Leon de Aryan, who has spent time

Boston Police Chief Resents Slur on Irish - 'Life Magazine' Scored By Legislators

The Gaelic American

ASSAILS POWER POLITICS

Wheeler Flays Unconditional Surrender - Brands Morgenthau Proposals Savage

By the Way St. John Coffey, Ex. Consul General to Germany, Dies

PEOPLE RESCUED FROM HITLER NOT TO BE TURNED OVER TO BRITISH AND RUSSIAN SPHERES

BUY WAR BONDS

Boston Irish Are Smeared By Life Magazine In Cheap Bigoted Circulation Stunt

The *Gaelic American* for January 20, 1945, publicizes Senator Wheeler's speech of January 15. Both this paper, the east coast voice of Coughlin's Christian Front, and Wheeler, of Montana, are in the company of un-Americans who follow the nazi line in urging a gentle peace for Germany.

in an insane asylum and was accused by the Department of Justice of sedition, printed the following piece in the *Broom*: "... the Germans refuse to 'unconditionally' surrender to Leon Henderson and Morgenthau." Two weeks earlier de Aryan wrote, again in the *Broom*: "They (Morgenthau and Henderson) follow the Mosaic law of tooth for tooth and eye for an eye. They want the war to go on and they want to destroy Germany after the war to make it impotent. This prevents surrender by the German people."

In December, 1944, two monthly publications came out with this same line: the *Economic Council Letter* of Merwin K. Hart and the *Cross and the Flag*, Gerald L. K. Smith's magazine. Merwin K. Hart, who got Jane Anderson into big-time fascist circles by introducing her to Dictator Franco's Falange propaganda bureau from whence she went to Berlin where she still broadcasts to America for Hitler, wrote:

"... But let us not yield to the demand for mass punishment — for Old Testament vindictiveness. Let us offer a peace which will hold out some hope of eventual good-will among our enemies — a peace founded on the gospel of Christ — on the mercy of the later Old Testament writings."

Gerald L. K. Smith, a former henchman of Huey Long and now engaged in distributing Elizabeth Dilling's diatribe against the Jews, known as *The Octopus*, wrote:

"Some think the Germans have stiffened their resistance because of the ruthless statement released by Morgenthau to the effect Germany must be reduced to a vassal state."

Here is a time table of the German speeches against unconditional surrender and their American counterparts:

OCTOBER 10, 1944—*The Chicago Tribune* carried its report on Goebbels' speech and made comments.

DECEMBER, 1944—*The Cross and the Flag* said some people believed the Morgenthau plan was the reason for the continuance of war.

DECEMBER 10, 1944—*Nazi Labor Fuehrer Dr. Robert Ley's* speech was quoted, in part, and commented on by *Der Angriff*.

DECEMBER 11, 1944—*The Broom* said that "eye for eye" policy prevents German surrender.

DECEMBER 16, 1944—*X-Ray* said the Germans fight on solely because they do not want to have Germany run by Morgenthau and Henderson after the war.

DECEMBER 18, 1944—*The New York Daily News* said Morgenthau's plan changed the Germans "willing to surrender" into "fanatic warriors" who would die to save Germany.

DECEMBER 25, 1944—*The Broom* again blamed Germany's reluctance to surrender on America's plans for post-war Germany.

DECEMBER 25, 1944—*The Progressive*, run by arch-isolationist, Senator Bob LaFollette, claimed "our continual insistence on Unconditional Surrender . . . enabled Hitler, Goebbels and Co. to whip the German army into a far more formidable fighting machine than it was for several months."

JANUARY 1, 1945—Senator Wheeler made his speech in Congress.

JANUARY 20, 1945—*The Gaelic American* carried a report of Wheeler's speech.

It is probably a coincidence that U. S. stands for both the United States and unconditional surrender, but it is not a coincidence that the same people who now fight against unconditional surrender fought against our preparing ourselves for war, against aid to Britain before we entered the war, and will fight against our attempts to stay out of future wars by providing means other than war to settle international disagreements; in other words these same people through malice, ignorance, or lack of judgment fight against the best interests of the United States.

PROPAGANDA BALANCE SHEET

Each January Friends of Democracy publishes a list of the gains and losses on the propaganda front for the preceding year. This time it is appearing as the first supplement to the new PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT.

In the survey below, the date listed for each event is as accurate as we can make it. In some instances, however, the date listed necessarily is the day on which the event was announced rather than the day on which the event took place.

GAINS

JAN. 3—Federal Grand Jury indicts thirty persons on charges of conspiring to overthrow the United States government and set up a nazi regime here.

JAN. 5—Check by War Department officials shows *Under Cover*, anti-fascist best seller by John Roy Carlson, has been supplied to base, post, and service club libraries.

JAN. 7—Fritz Schroeder, Carl Kranz, and Hans W. Koenig of the German-American Vocational League, get prison terms of eight years each for violating espionage act of 1917.

JAN. 9—Douglas M. Stewart, former co-publisher of *America First* Committee organ, *Scribner's Commentator*, sentenced to 90 days in jail for contempt of court.

JAN. 11—U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds conviction of George Sylvester Viereck.

JAN. 13—N. Y. Police Commissioner forbids members of Police Department to associate knowingly with persons engaged in subversive activities or join organization fostering racial or religious hatred.

JAN. 17—George Deatherage discharged as assistant superintendent of a tank manufacturing plant in Lake, Florida.

JAN. 28—Arthur Clifford Read, sentenced to two and one-half years' imprisonment after pleading guilty to charges of being an unregistered Japanese agent.

FEB. 3—Fair Employment Practices Committee investigates the Seafarers International Union for following Jim Crow policy.

FEB. 7—The Rev. John LaFarge, editor of *America*, appeals to the nation to make the F.E.P.C. a permanent government agency.

FEB. 9—*New Yorker* refuses to renew agreement with the *Reader's Digest* permitting reprint of *New Yorker* text or pictures.

FEB. 15—War Department lifts ban on the circulation of anti-nazi paper, *German American*, in prisoner of war camps.

FEB. 16—N. Y. State Senate unanimously passes bill making desecration of religious property a felony.

FEB. 29—Alabama A. F. of L. brands Christian American Association as "the spearhead to wreck labor in the South."

MARCH 2—Julius Rosenwald Fund and Field Foundation to support a National Clearing House for Information on Race Problems.

MARCH 7—Twelve hundred delegates to Bronx Conference on Racial and Religious Unity unanimously adopt program to promote racial and religious understanding.

MARCH 8—Public Affairs Committee announces fourth printing of pamphlet on racial equality, "Races of Mankind." Circulation reaches 250,000.

MARCH 9—Arthur H. Wicks introduces into N. Y. State Senate sweeping legislation to increase civil rights protection and prohibit discrimination in employment.

MARCH 12—North Dakota's Non-Partisan League repudiates Gerald P. Nye.

MARCH 16—Dr. Fred W. Thomas sentenced to 16 years in prison for conspiring to violate Espionage Act.

MARCH 21—Robert F. Wagner urges abrogation of British White Paper of 1939 which stops immigration of Jews into Palestine after March 31.

MARCH 21—Hull says our war aims include an international organization backed by force and an international court of justice.

MARCH 25—Five persons who admit conspiring to violate the war-time espionage act are sentenced to prison terms ranging from five to twenty years. This group was led by Grace Buchanan-Dineen.

APRIL 2—Heller-Crews bill, making anti-religious vandalism a felony in New York State, become a law.

APRIL 2—Harry Woodring resigns chairmanship of American Democratic National Committee.

APRIL 3—Supreme Court rules that Texas Democrats can not bar Negroes from voting in party primaries.

APRIL 5—Parents and Wives of Fighting Americans launch drive to remove southern voting restrictions.

APRIL 5—Pennsylvania Railroad and Chicago & Northwestern Railroad agree to hire Negroes as dining car stewards.

APRIL 13—Federal, state, and local agencies begin separate investigations of origin of anti-Semitic pamphlets which flooded Greater Boston the week before Easter.

APRIL 16—American Legion's Seventeenth District condemns Hamilton Fish in a heavily documented, comprehensive report.

APRIL 17—Mass sedition trial gets underway.

APRIL 20—War Production Board rejects application of Chicago *Tribune* for newsprint to start a new daily newspaper in Milwaukee.

APRIL 23—Ivar Haug, self-confessed nazi, sentenced to three years in jail for violation of draft law.

MAY 2—Rep. Joe Starnes defeated in Alabama primaries.

MAY 2—Senators Lister Hill and Claude Pepper renominated.

MAY 2—Negroes vote in Democratic primaries in Florida and Alabama.

MAY 3—United Negro College Fund sets goal of \$1,500,000 for Negro education.

MAY 9—Rush Holt loses fight for gubernatorial nomination in West Virginia.

MAY 12—Martin Dies announces he will not seek re-election.

MAY 16—John M. Costello of California defeated in primaries.

MAY 19—Rufus Holman defeated in the Oregon Republican Senatorial primaries.

MAY 20—Communist Party votes itself out of existence as a political organization.

MAY 23—Dr. Otto Willumeit, German American Bund leader in Chicago, voluntarily surrenders citizenship.

JUNE 1—Dewey appoints temporary state commission to study discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin and to recommend remedial measures.

JUNE 1—Hull says small countries will have place in post-war organization "on a position of equality."

JUNE 2—Detroit police department abandons effort to suppress Lillian Smith's *Strange Fruit*.

JUNE 2—Prison sentences of two years imposed on six former officials and functionaries of German American Vocational League convicted of conspiracy to avoid registering with State Department as nazi agents. The League and its subsidiary, the DAB Recreational Resort, Inc., are fined \$5,000 each.

JUNE 3—Ku Klux Klan disbands as national group. Klan's national headquarters are vacant, and Imperial Wizard Colescott leaves Atlanta.

JUNE 8—N. C. State Board of Education votes to eliminate difference in salaries of Negro and white teachers.

JUNE 9—One thousand war refugees in southern Italy to be placed in an emergency refugee shelter at Oswego, N. Y.

JUNE 13—D. Worth Clark defeated in Idaho Democratic primaries.

JUNE 16—Eight ex-leaders of German American Bund lose American citizenship.

JUNE 28—Archbishop Spellman in OWI broadcast to Europe protests Jewish persecution.

JULY 1—Passaic, New Jersey, Board of Education votes 5 to 1 against use of city funds for purchase of *Reader's Digest* for school system.

JULY 10—Wisconsin revokes charter of the Gentile League, Inc.

JULY 11—Army lifts ban on Negro nurses.

JULY 11—Thomas of Oklahoma defeats Wesley E. Disney in Democratic Senatorial primaries.

JULY 14—Philadelphia Transportation Company follows directive of F.E.P.C. in giving Negro employees opportunity to become motormen, conductors and drivers on Philadelphia's street cars and buses.

JULY 19—Railway Mail Association held guilty of violating New York state laws because it barred Negroes from membership.

JULY 19—Waldemar Othmer, Bund leader, arrested on an espionage charge.

JULY 22—Richard Kleberg loses Congressional seat in Texas primaries.

JULY 24—Readers Book Service publishes Henry Hoke's best seller, *Black Mail*.

JULY 25—G. O. P. leaders in Illinois disown Charles J. Anderson, Jr., pro-fascist nominee for Congress, and throw their support to Iva J. Henderson.

JULY 25—Negroes vote in the Arkansas Democratic primary.

AUG. 1—W. P. Lambertson defeated in the Kansas primaries.

AUG. 1—Bennet C. Clark from Missouri loses his seat in the Senate.

AUG. 1—Dewey denounces Gerald L. K. Smith's nomination of John W. Bricker for vice-president on America First Party ticket. Dewey calls Smith "a Hitler-like rabble-rouser."

AUG. 8—J. William Fulbright beats Hattie Caraway for the Democratic Senatorial nomination in Arkansas.

AUG. 9—F.E.P.C. announces Los Angeles Railway Company will hire Negroes as street car motormen and conductors.

AUG. 10—Army reports Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion fought through almost every major battle in Italy and has not had one soldier desert or go A.W.O.L. Unit cited by Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark.

AUG. 14—Mrs. Velvalee Dickinson, charged with spying for Japanese, gets ten-year prison term and fined \$10,000 for "violating the censorship law."

AUG. 15—Congress votes to amend title 5 of Soldier Vote Law, making available to servicemen most books, papers, and motion pictures generally circulated in this country.

AUG. 17—Father Coughlin officially dissolves National Union for Social Justice.

AUG. 21—California Veterans of Foreign Wars assail Senator Reynolds and American Nationalists' Committee of Independent Voters.

AUG. 29—Cotton Ed Smith loses South Carolina Democratic Senatorial nomination to Olin D. Johnston.

SEPT. 10—Japanese Exclusion Association fails to get on California state ballot.

SEPT. 14—Government indicts 174 German aliens accused of concealing membership in the nazi party while living in this country.

SEPT. 20—Senate Education and Labor Committee recommends a permanent F.E.P.C.

SEPT. 24—Senator Ball urges defeat of isolationist Senators and Congressmen.

OCT. 2—Edward A. Rumely indicted for refusal to give House Campaign Expenditures Committee record of contributions to the Committee for Constitutional Government.

OCT. 10—German Count Von Rautter sentenced in Brooklyn Federal Court to 29 years in prison for serving as nazi spy.

OCT. 16—Coast Guard agrees to follow Navy's policy of taking Negro women into reserve units.

OCT. 26—Only 176 people attended the Coughlinite American Democratic National Committee rally in Lost Battalion Hall, Queens, N. Y.

NOV. 7—The following isolationists are defeated for Senatorial posts: John A. Danaher, Richard J. Lyons, Guy M. Gillette, Gerald P. Nye, James J. Davis.

NOV. 7—The following Representatives are beaten: Fred E. Busbey, Charles S. Dewey, Calvin D. Johnson, Stephen A. Day, Chester O. Carrier, John B. Bennett, Melvin J. Maas, Hamilton Fish, Joseph J. O'Brien, Lewis Thill.

NOV. 14—John F. Cassidy, former Christian Front leader, barred from the practice of law.

NOV. 15—Gentile Cooperative Association ordered to open records to investigators from office of Illinois Attorney General.

DEC. 2—Following recommendation of F.E.P.C., New York Telephone Company hires twenty-six Negro operators.

DEC. 11—Louis Archer Zahne pleads guilty in U. S. District Court to having concealed pro-nazi connections from Army exclusion board.

DEC. 17—War Department announces Japanese-Americans may return to Pacific Coast beginning Jan. 2, 1945.

DEC. 18—U. S. Supreme Court grants writ of habeas corpus restoring unlimited freedom to a Japanese-American citizen of unquestioned loyalty.

DEC. 18—U. S. Supreme Court rules Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen must represent non-member Negro firemen.

DEC. 20—F.B.I. arrests Emil Ludwig Krepper as German agent and aider of saboteurs.

DEC. 20—Joseph P. Kamp indicted for refusing to disclose to House Committee on Campaign Expenditures lists of contributors to Constitutional Educational League.

DEC. 30—F.E.P.C. orders U. S. Cartridge Company of St. Louis to accept available workers without discrimination because of race or color.

LOSSES

JAN. 2—American Jewish Congress announces 150 cases of vandalism and attacks on Jews reported within the past two months.

JAN. 9—Jerome P. Holland, former associate editor of Coughlinite Brooklyn *Tablet*, becomes chaplain in the Navy.

JAN. 11—Republican Nationalist Revival Committee backs Col. Robert McCormick for President.

JAN. 11—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's review committee upholds the acquittal of Patrolman James L. Drew.

JAN. 21—Sam Balter, news commentator on Mutual, reported fired by network for continued attacks on Col. Robert McCormick.

JAN. 21—Post Office Department discloses 29,248,405 pieces of franked mail handled during fiscal year ending June 30. This mail, which would have brought estimated revenue of \$1,157,122 if paid for at regular rate, includes franked envelopes furnished by isolationist Congressmen to "nationalist" groups for free distribution.

JAN. 23—War Department bans *German American*, liberal German language weekly, from prisoner of war camps.

JAN. 24—Peace Now seeks recruits among America Firsters, Coughlinites, and German American Bundists.

FEB. 1—Congress rejects demands for roll call vote on soldier ballot legislation.

FEB. 2—American Democratic National Committee plans convention to rally "nationalist" vote.

FEB. 4—Donald Shea works in Chicago with Mrs. Lyril Van Hyning.

FEB. 4—Committee for Constitutional Government slips into New York State Legislature a resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment limiting Federal income tax to 25 percent of income. Fifteen state legislatures have already passed such a resolution.

FEB. 16—Judge A. Marshall Thompson dismisses cases of five Ku Klux Klan leaders charged with conspiring to foment "hatred and strife."

FEB. 21—F.E.P.C. reports discrimination against Negroes and men of other races contributing in large part to difficulties of getting enough seaman for merchant marine.

FEB. 26—George W. Hartman, leader of the Peace Now, says he would, "make a pact with the devil himself to stop this war."

FEB. 28—Southern Democrats inject White Supremacy issue into campaign against Senator Claude Pepper, Florida liberal.

MARCH 1—Papers announce publication of first issue of *Gentile News*.

MARCH 2—Harry Woodring plans expansion of the American Democratic National Committee.

MARCH 8—Eddie Rickenbacker tells Economics Club of New York the next President of the United States should be a man who will "think in terms of America First."

MARCH 15—Father Coughlin tells 1,000 of his followers: "It matters not what military force wins this war."

MARCH 28—Edward Lodge Curran stumps pro-fascist circuit—making speeches in Cleveland, Boston, and Chicago.

MARCH 28—Left Wing of American Labor Party wins control of A.L.P. state committee in primary election.

MARCH 31—Jews barred from immigration to Palestine under provisions of British White Paper.

APRIL 11—Vandals smear swastika on Temple Ramath Orah, New York City.

APRIL 11—Chicago *Tribune* applies for newspaper to start morning newspaper in Milwaukee.

APRIL 13—Gerald L. K. Smith visits Washington to confer with Senators Gerald P. Nye, Robert Rice Reynolds, Burton K. Wheeler, and Representatives Clare Hoffman and Roy O. Woodruff.

APRIL 14—"White supremacy will be maintained in our primaries, let the chips fall where they may," says Governor Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina.

APRIL 18—D.A.R. asks Congress to suspend immigration for five years at the close of the war.

APRIL 30—Edward Lodge Curran and William Gallagher stage Brooklyn rally pleading for isolationism and "free speech" for Coughlin.

MAY 8—State convention of Progressive Party in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, calls for isolationist foreign policy.

MAY 22—Beatrice Knowles, head of American Mothers, organizes women in cities throughout the middle west to work for negotiated peace and against "internationalism."

MAY 25—All Negro troops at Brookley Field, Alabama, confined to military area following early morning exchange of shots between white military police and Negro soldiers.

MAY 31—Gerald L. K. Smith visits New York to confer with "Coughlinite leaders, America First Committee people, Republican Party nationalists, and remnants of the old MacArthur-for-President clubs."

JUNE 6—Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlinite, airs isolationist views over radio station WNYC.

JUNE 9—Rockland County Republican Committee indorses candidacy of Hamilton Fish.

JUNE 11—Robert Rice Reynolds begins organizing American Nationalists Committee of Independent Voters.

JUNE 12—National convention of "mothers" groups meets in Chicago to demand immediate negotiated peace.

JUNE 29—Gerald L. K. Smith characterizes John Bricker as "one of America's noblemen."

JUNE 30—Werner Schroeder becomes a vice-chairman of Republican National Committee.

JULY 4—Negroes refused ballots in Georgia's primary elections.

JULY 4—Eugene Cox wins in Georgia primaries.

JULY 4—Senator O'Daniel revives newspaper, *W. Lee O'Daniel News*.

JULY 9—Joe McWilliams holds secret conference with Father Coughlin.

JULY 11—Senator Tobey wins Republican nomination.

JULY 19—Senator Reynolds submits to Democratic Convention the program of his American Nationalist Committee of Independent Voters.

JULY 26—John W. Bricker says he will welcome support of Gerald L. K. Smith "if he votes the Republican ticket."

AUG. 1—Philadelphia Transit System workers strike in protest against the upgrading of eight Negro workers.

AUG. 9—Senator Russell charges F.E.P.C. "fomented" Philadelphia transit strike.

AUG. 9—War Department bans movies, "Wilson" and "Heavenly Days," from Army camps in accordance with strict interpretation of title 5 of Soldier Vote Bill.

AUG. 10—Senator Reynolds opens campaign against additional "free ports" for refugees.

AUG. 18—Federal Judge M. L. Igée dismisses indictment against Elmer Hartzel, who in 1942 was convicted of sedition, but whose conviction was reversed later by the Supreme Court.

AUG. 29—John Rankin renominated in Democratic primaries.

AUG. 30—First national convention of America First Party nominates Gerald L. K. Smith for President and Harry Roemer for Vice-President.

SEPT. 5—Pat McCarran wins Democratic Senatorial nomination.

SEPT. 10—Movie houses in Washington, D. C., and in the South ban March of Time film, "Americans All."

OCT. 4—Harry Bennett of Ford Motor Company admits he gave \$2,000 to Gerald L. K. Smith "to fight communism and labor racketeering."

OCT. 18—William Goodwin refuses to reveal list of donors to American Democratic National Committee.

OCT. 19—Members of the late National Union for Social Justice urged to join Coughlin's newer organization, League of the Little Flower.

OCT. 25—Governor Bricker attacks plan for temporary haven for 1,000 war refugees at Oswego, N. Y.

NOV. 7—The following elected to U. S. Senate: Eugene D. Millikin, Homer Capehart, Clyde M. Reed, Robert A. Taft, Alexander Wiley.

NOV. 7—The following elected to House of Representatives: Robert F. Rich, Clare B. Luce, Henry C. Dworshak, Earl Wilson, Paul W. Schafer, Clare E. Hoffman, B. J. Jonkman, Roy O. Woodruff, Fred Bradley, George H. Dondero, Jessie Sumner, Harold Knutson, Dewey Short, J. Parnell Thomas, Fred H. Hartley, Jr., William B. Barry, John Taber, Daniel A. Reed, Frederick C. Smith, Frank B. Keefe.

NOV. 11—Six hundred persons pay \$1 each to attend Brooklyn rally honoring Coughlin.

NOV. 25—City Council of Dearborn, Michigan, passes resolution opposing Negro housing project planned for that city.

DEC. 2—Hood River Post of American Legion erases names of sixteen Americans of Japanese ancestry, now serving in the U. S. Army, from its county war memorial.

DEC. 6—Merwin K. Hart tells State Commission Against Discrimination that proposed legislation for a N. Y. F.E.P.C. is Communist-inspired, totalitarian, and calculated to create discord.

DEC. 19—Ford Motor Co. disputes constitutionality of N. Y. State law requiring employers to pay employees for the time away from work for voting.

DEC. 28—Negro internes, in Army uniforms and awaiting Army commissions in the medical service, receive discharges and are notified that the Army has all the Negro doctors it needs.

A REPORT ON H. L. BEACH

A new wholesaler in the anti-Semitic, pro-fascist business is H. L. Beach, 1535 S. E. 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Beach became news a few months back when his handbill, "Parable of the Shekels," made the rounds at an eastern army camp. A take-off on Biblical style, this piece repeats all of Goebbels' lies about the Jews. It says that the Jews start all wars; the Jews never fight in wars; the Jews get rich while wars are being waged by "Christian Soldiers."

Before long Beach was distributing literature in addition to "Parable of the Shekels." He put out a few pieces of his own — either written by himself or by anonymous authors. Other literature poured in to him from all over the country. The famous crucifixion cartoon came from Chicago; Millard Grubbs of Louisville, Kentucky, furnished poetry. E. M. Biggers from Houston sent his list of "Alphabetical Agencies"; Senators Burton K. Wheeler and W. Lee O'Daniel furnished speeches. The American Women Against Communism sent copies of their diatribe against "internationalism."

Beach immediately sent this whole collection to the names on his mailing list. Meanwhile he worked to make his list larger. "Make it a habit," he told his followers, "to send in at least three names and addresses each week of new persons interested in the literature." Then Beach had a new idea. Seeking the widest possible circulation for his pro-fascist diatribes, he wrote: "You should also have on hand some of the material to include in each letter you write."

Beach's literature falls into four classifications: (1) anti-Semitic, (2) reprints from alleged seditionists, (3) anti-administration, (4) anti-internationalist.

Anti-Semitism appears to be the crusade in which Beach is most interested. Supplementing his "Parable of the Shekels," he sells the *Protocols of Zion*, the "Dear Friend" leaflet, and a cartoon carrying an anti-Semitic caption.

The *Protocols* are supposed to reveal a conspiracy on the part of the Jews to rule the world. Actually, they have been proved to be forgeries many times. The Nazis in Germany and the fascists in America ignore the evidence and keep distributing the *Protocols* as "must" reading.

Beach's "Dear Friend" leaflet is a forged Christmas card sent by the Jews of America to the Gentiles. It begins like this: "We, the Jewish Nation, trust you had a Happy Holiday. If your dear ones are not with you, be consoled and happy in the knowledge that they are doing their duty to save God's Chosen People, and by their sacrifice they have



Shown above is the third page of a pamphlet distributed by H. L. Beach of Portland, Oregon. This characterizes the Jew as gloating over a Christian mother who is mourning at her soldier-son's grave. Beach repeats the Nazi line that Jews cause war for their own profit — that Christians fight them.

made it possible to keep Jewish boys and girls busy at home making uniforms for Christians on the fighting front and the wheels of industry turning. Should they never return, take pride in the fact **THEY DIED TO SAVE THE JEW.**"

The cartoon is one of President Roosevelt's dog, Fala. It carries the caption: "VOTE GENTILE — VOTE REPUBLICAN — DEPORT JEW REFUGEES." After the caption, Beach added: "The Jews Are the Cause of It All."

In addition, many of Beach's pamphlets, which fall into the categories of "reprints from alleged seditionists," "anti-administration," and "anti-internationalist," have anti-Semitic overtones. The crucifixion cartoon, drawn by the alleged seditionist, Otto Brennerman, caricatures men like Roosevelt, Willkie, Hopkins, and Pepper so that they look Semitic. The anti-administration poem, "The Indispensable Man," stresses Frankfurter's and Rosenman's influence on the President. The anti-internationalist speech by the Reverend Arthur W. Terminiello praises such anti-Semites as Charles E. Coughlin.

From the alleged seditionists Beach picked up the crucifixion cartoon and a card, "Sure! I'm for the 4th Term." Brennerman, who drew the crucifixion cartoon, is under two Federal indictments for sedition. So is Donald McDaniel who originally financed the cartoon's distribution. The card, "Sure! I'm for the 4th Term," carries a drawing which looks like a caricature of the village idiot. This same picture ran in *X-Ray* over the caption:

"My pap's fer Roosevelt, Browder, and Hillman, too!" Court Asher, editor of *X-Ray*, is under two Federal indictments for sedition.

Beach's anti-administration literature includes "To the Ghost of Jefferson," a poem by Millard Grubbs; "The Indispensable Man," an anonymous poem about Roosevelt; "Alphabetical Agencies Created Under the Roosevelt New Deal Party," compiled by E. M. Biggers; "Constitutional Government or Bureaucratic Dictatorship," a speech by Marion T. Bennett, Congressman from Missouri.

The gist of this literature is something like this: The "starry-eyed theorists . . . thwart God's plan." "Communists in high places are attempting to convert . . . America into a Communistic state." Neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party is to be trusted.

In opposition to "internationalism," Beach is distributing a speech by Burton K. Wheeler, Senator from Montana; "Puzzle — Find the Stars and Stripes," a brochure edited by the American Women Against Communism; and "The Cross of War," a speech by the Reverend Arthur W. Terminiello.

Wheeler's speech implies that the British are fighting to preserve the balance of power in Europe and that conflicting ideologies are merely incidental. He implies that Americans are suckers, they have no business in such a war. "Puzzle — Find the Stars and Stripes," holds up the bogey of a "World Ruler"; it asks whether Americans would be willing to "exchange the Stars and Stripes for any other flag"; it says that internationalism is "traitorous to our husbands and to our sons . . ." (Terminiello's speech is described on page one.)

Beach probably will become more prominent in the pro-fascist movement as 1945 unfolds. He has made rapid strides in that direction within a few months. Handling the "nationalist" literature of everyone from Otto Brennerman to Burton K. Wheeler is no mean feat. And Beach has accomplished that much already.

CORRECTION

The speaker at the Hyde Park gatherings of the League of Ex-Servicemen and Women, whose members were formerly associated with the British Union of Fascists, was not Herbert Morrison as the *BATTLEFRONT* stated last week. Herbert Morrison is a Member of Parliament and is not connected in any way with the British Union.

News Flashes

JOHN T. FLYNN, ex-America Firster, chatted with Elizabeth Dilling in the Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel Sunday afternoon, January 14. "I'm surprised that guy Carlson isn't around to take a picture of us together!" Flynn told Dilling.

HOWARD B. RAND, pro-fascist, anti-Semitic editor of *Destiny*, lectures regularly in Boston. His Anglo-Saxon Federation meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at George W. Brown Hall, Huntington Avenue. Three hundred people turned out January 11 for the first meeting in Rand's series.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN figures prominently on a new anti-Semitic, anti-Irish card being distributed in Chicago. "Keep the Jews out of business by not trading with them. Keep the Irish out of politics by not voting for them," the card credits Franklin with saying. Franklin has been accused of anti-Semitism before, but the Benjamin Franklin Institute in Philadelphia says it is false. The anti-Irish angle is new.

EARL SOUTHARD, leader of the Citizens U. S. A. Committee, is selling George Cless' new book, *The 11th Commandment*, at \$1.50 a copy. Southard describes the book as a "vigorous plea, in crackling language, for American nationalism, a stinging indictment of internationalism." Cless formerly wrote for *Scribner's Commentator*.

THE NATIONAL BLUE STAR MOTHERS (no connection with the Blue Star Mothers), pro-fascist, anti-Semitic group in Philadelphia, has made friends with Court Asher, the alleged seditionist and publisher of *X-Ray*. A recent issue of *X-Ray* carried a diatribe by the National Blue Star Mothers against internationalism. It is a "TREASONABLE Betrayal" which is far more dangerous than "our ENEMIES on the BATTLEFIELD," said the "mothers."

GERALD B. WINROD'S *Defender* recently reviewed Kenneth Goff's book, *They Would Destroy Our Way of Life*. Goff has been a Communist, a witness before the Dies Committee, and an associate of Gerald L. K. Smith. He has flirted with the fascist movement for the last year or so, but this boost by Winrod is his first direct connection with the alleged seditionists.

WE, THE MOTHERS, MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA has a chapter in California. Led by Adelle Cox, the group has headquarters at 832 South Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles.

ELIZABETH DILLING has just learned that her ex-husband, Albert, who divorced her several years ago, married, in 1943, "that bleached old creature who bent every effort while her husband lived to break up my home."

EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

NOTE: Each issue of the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT carries a short editorial by a well known writer dealing with the fight for democracy. Subscribers to this bulletin are urged to pass these editorials to newspaper and magazine contacts — suggesting they use as is or revised to fit local conditions. This time we give you, a short item by L. M. Birkhead, National Director of Friends of Democracy, Inc.

"ANTI" PROPAGANDA

By L. M. BIRKHEAD

The greatest threat to a just and durable peace is the "anti" propaganda — anti-British, anti-Russian, anti-Chinese, anti-Semitic, anti-our government officials. The "anti" propagandists are trying to divide us among ourselves. They tell us we must not trust our government officials, the Jews, the Catholics, the Negroes, the Irish. The "antis" are trying to divide us from our allies. They tell us we must not trust Britain, China, Russia.

We must fight all of the "anti" propagandas at one time. The "antis" are so completely interwoven that it would be almost impossible to separate any one from the rest. If you scratch the anti-Russian propagandist, you will find an anti-Semite, or vice versa.

There are some publications, as, for example, the *Chicago Tribune* and the *New York Daily News*, which disclaim any connections with the anti-Semites, but these "anti" propaganda publications are the favorite newspapers of every anti-Semitic group in the country.

For instance, We, the Mothers Mobilize in Chicago and Court Asher's *X-Ray* in Muncie, Indiana, follow 100 per cent the "anti" propaganda line. What is their favorite newspaper? The answer is obvious, McCormick's *Chicago Tribune*.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling has admitted that she is the author of one of the most violent anti-Semitic publications, *The Octopus*. She wrote it under the name of the Rev. Frank Woodruff Johnson. Now, who is the final authority on Communism in the United States according to Col. McCormick of the *Chicago Tribune*? Again the answer is obvious — Mrs. Dilling, the indicted seditionist.

The moral of all of this is that we cannot fight one of these "anti" propagandas alone. We must expose the whole line and identify the connections of all of them. We must not allow the "anti" propagandists to divide us among ourselves or divide us from our allies. We must fight all the "antis" simultaneously if we want to build a peace that will last.

SEE FOR YOURSELF DEPARTMENT

Don't take our word for it that the fascist publications are a menace to a free America, a threat to our way of life. Write for some copies yourself. Listed below are the names and addresses of two publications and background material on each. Send for them; begin your own collection of subversive propaganda.

Watch for the next issue of the BATTLEFRONT. It will carry additional names and addresses so that you can get first-hand information on our internal enemies.

1. *America in Danger*, 4327 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Published by Charles Hudson, accused of sedition by the Department of Justice (sedition is trying to undermine the morale of our armed forces in time of war). Hudson is the link between certain Congressmen and American fascists. He, himself, said, "Yes, I have mailed out tens of thousands of properly franked reprints of Congressmen's speeches."

2. *Patriotic Research Bureau* (monthly newsletter), Room 708, 8 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Published by Elizabeth Dilling who wrote the anti-Semitic book, *The Octopus*. Hudson helped Dilling distribute that book. Her contacts include Senator Burton K. Wheeler and Congressman Roy Woodruff. Mrs. Dilling, also, alleged to be guilty of sedition, made trips to Nazi Germany before Pearl Harbor.

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AN EXPLANATION

With the first issue of 1945, the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT is changed in appearance and function.

Moreover, it now becomes a regularly scheduled, twice-a-month carrier of up-to-the-minute news . . . exposing forces opposed to democracy.

The BATTLEFRONT will also have an editorial staff composed of experts in the fight against destructive propaganda. . . . Anne Simmons, Director of Publications for Friends of Democracy, L. M. Birkhead, National Director of F. O. D., and Henry Hoke, author of *Black Mail*. These three, working with hundreds of contacts throughout the country and with access to the files of F. O. D., will give you twice a month the important facts you should know about subversive activities.

REX STOUT, *President.*

SMITH SELLS THE OCTOPUS

The Octopus, Elizabeth Dilling's prize anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi tract, is on sale again; and Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the America First Party, is the new salesman.

Smith recently sent a circular letter to his followers offering Mrs. Dilling's book in return for a "donation" to his "fearless crusade."

For many years Smith's best friends have been anti-Semitic, but even as late as August, 1944, it was difficult to prove that he was anti-Semitic himself.

During the last few months, however, Smith has referred with increasing frequency to "certain Jews" who were "persecuting" him and who were bent upon "killing, stopping, terrorizing Christian Nationalism." At the convention of his America First Party he sat by blandly while Homer Maertz, the Silver Shirter, introduced a resolution calling for the deportation or sterilization of all Jews.

Although it would have been surprising six months ago, it isn't surprising now to hear Smith describe *The Octopus* as "the truth concerning Jewish terror" or as a book, containing "literally thousands of paragraphs of terrible truth," which "cut like a two-edged sword."

NYE ABUSES FRANK

Gerald P. Nye abused his franking privilege again recently when he sent a batch of speeches and franked envelopes to a New York fascist.

Nye mailed in a large, franked package several copies of his farewell speech to the Senate along with a batch of his old speeches, some dating back to 1936. Each of the old speeches was inserted in a franked envelope ready to be addressed and mailed, postage free.

The franking privilege, the right to send mail without payment of postage, was granted Congressmen and Senators so that they might correspond freely with their constituents without being burdened with heavy postal charges. Indiscriminate distribution of unaddressed franked envelopes is against the rules.

This time Nye (1) franked a large batch of material to a New York resident, when he should have used the frank in writing his constituents in North Dakota, (2) sent the material to a person well known in fascist circles, and (3) enclosed franked, unaddressed envelopes which the New York fascist might use to avoid paying postage.

WHY not protest to the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., about this waste of taxpayers' money?

CHARTER REVOKED

Judge Joseph A. Graber early this month revoked the charter of the Gentile Cooperative Association, an anti-Semitic group in Chicago. The organization was charged with fostering racial and religious hatreds. Eugene R. Flitcraft, founder and head of the Association, threatens to carry the matter to the Supreme Court of Illinois. He says that he will continue to work under his own name and under the name of his paper, *Gentile News*. Flitcraft, incidentally, has just increased the size of his paper from eight to twelve pages.

HART DROPS LIBEL SUIT

The \$1,000,000 libel suit instituted by Merwin K. Hart against the Friends of Democracy and its officers has been dropped at Hart's request. Hart, as president of the New York State Economic Council, filed the complaint in November, 1942, alleging he had been libelled in articles published by the defendants. Stipulation of the suit's discontinuance was signed by attorneys for Hart.

FASCIST GROUP REVIVED

Members of the dissolved British Union of Fascists are active again, but this time they call themselves the League of Ex-Servicemen and Women, according to the *London Zeitung*. The old British Union was led by Sir Oswald Mosely who was jailed shortly after the outbreak of war. The new group gathers in Hyde Park to hear Herbert Morrison, who recently was released from jail, inveigh against the Jews.

SEDITION CASE UNDECIDED

The fate of the twenty-six alleged seditionists, whose trial was halted abruptly by the death of Judge Eicher, still hangs in the balance. Although the indictment against the group still stands, the Department of Justice has taken no steps to re-try the defendants, either individually or collectively. A good deal of

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A REPORT ON THE SAN FRANCISCO LEADER

"We American citizens do not have to apologize for Father Coughlin."

"Father Coughlin has millions of friends throughout America. They regret the fact that he is not on the air. They would welcome him back to the radio. Time will justify the truths contained in every one of Father Coughlin's broadcasts."

"SOCIAL EQUALITY — A delusion and a snare to arouse and to excite the barbaric instincts of otherwise peaceable segments of the population ..."

"DEMOCRACY — A shibboleth calculated to deceive the unwary and slothful while the chains of human slavery are being forged."

"The Atlantic Charter forges more chains around the necks of the oppressed."

The *Leader*, weekly newspaper published in San Francisco, California, reads like this even though the United States has been at war for three full years. It continues to plug for Father Charles E. Coughlin, even though the Post Office Department held Coughlin's writings to be "obviously seditious." It finds "equality," "democracy," and the Atlantic Charter distasteful even though we are fighting a war for them.

For years the *Leader* has been Coughlinite in flavor. Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's personal representative in the east, writes a column for it every week. Articles appearing first in the *Gaelic American*, Christian Front organ in New York City, frequently are reprinted in the San Francisco paper. Reprints from the *Brooklyn Tablet*, another Coughlin-tinged newspaper, are sprinkled generously through the *Leader*.

Publicizes Coughlinites

Then the activities of Coughlin's friends receive plentiful publicity. The *Leader* tells about Edward Lodge Curran's speaking tours and reprints sections of his speeches. Father Peter Baptiste Duffee is the New York Coughlinite who publicly rejoiced over the death of "red Czechoslovakia." Yet the *Leader* recently printed his lengthy address on the glories of Franco Spain.

The *Leader*, however, has emerged from the ranks of the purely Coughlinite organs. It devotes an increasing amount of space to other segments of the pro-fascist field. It defends the twenty-six who, until the death of Judge

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— Irish Organ of American in America, and Catholic Auxiliary of the A. O. U. M. —

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DR. CURRAN POINTS OUT EVILS OF IRISH DISUNITY IN AMERICA

Service Men Must Have Say in Postwar World Plan, Says Brooklyn Priest—Makes Earnest Plea for More Clannishness Among Irish—Hibernians Should Lead in Unification

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Exploring the utter lack of promise for the future of the Irish in America, and asserting that this deficiency constitutes the primary responsibility for the present political position of the race, the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, L.L.D., Ph.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., addressing several hundred members and guests of Division 8, A.O.U.M., at St. Mary's Auditorium, made an earnest plea that the Irish in America develop in a more united and clannish manner for the future of the race in America.

Father Curran declared that through lack of unity in some sections of the country, the Irish are losing the position and prestige which they formerly enjoyed, and which they are entitled to, by their brains, culture, loyalty and devotion to the United States.

In his lecture on the subject "Irish-Americanism," the Brooklyn priest stressed the need for American Irish thinking from several viewpoints and denounced the formation of a post-war security organization before "our 11 million men in the service get back and have a voice in it."

The lecture was given under the auspices of Division 8 and the Rev. James T. O'Reilly, Auxiliary. It opened a series of lectures and concerts which will be continued through the winter season. The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Daniel W. Fritsch, O.R.A., pastor of St. Mary's Church, and J. J. Harkin, chairman of the series welcomed an exceptionally large crowd.

Maneuvering was the star of the evening, written by Rev. Edward Curran, O.R.A., which was sung by Miss Margaret Webb, daughter of the speaker. The program was concluded by the singing of "Freedom's March" written by Rev. Edward Curran, O.R.A., which was sung by Miss Margaret Webb, daughter of the speaker. The program was concluded by the singing of "Freedom's March" written by Rev. Edward Curran, O.R.A., which was sung by Miss Margaret Webb, daughter of the speaker.

By the Way

REV. EDWARD LODGE CURRAN, Ph.D.

Our boys in the armed forces of our country are the bravest boys in the world. They are also the most sacrificed. For the defense of our country against our Nazi and Japanese enemies they have left their homes, their livelihoods, their loved ones, their possessions and beloved routine of civilian life.

Our American soldiers and sailors and marines and coast-guardmen and merchant marine men are not mere mercenaries. They are intelligent and devoted American citizens, dedicated to the defense of Americanism at home as well as to the defense of Americanism abroad.

While they are fighting totalitarianism abroad, they do not want the growth of totalitarianism at home. While they are fighting to end all wars, they do not want the United States to enter into any postwar world security organization, either the League of Nations or any other global League of Nations, which is going to rob the United States of a single bit of American freedom or independence or sovereignty in either domestic or foreign affairs.

Therefore, in their absence, the United States must not enter any foreign entangling alliances for any purpose whatsoever. America's place in any postwar world security organization must wait upon the return of our ten million Americans now in the armed services of their country. They have a right to be consulted in the matter.

An American citizen in military uniform they have the right to petition Congress, the same as any other American citizen in civilian attire. Therefore, whenever and wherever possible, our boys in service should write their Congressmen and particularly their Senators in Washington, demanding that the United States make no foreign commitments and assume no future foreign obligations of any kind, American or foreign, until they are fighting the war to return from the war.

In this way our brave boys who defend Americanism abroad, save Americanism from dissolution at the hands of some foreign-minded Americans at home.

Have your man in service write his Congressman and his Senator today.

The *Leader*, published in San Francisco, California, is the chief Coughlinite organ on the west coast. A full-sized, six-page weekly established some forty-two years ago, it is not a paper whose influence can be shrugged off lightly. Above is reproduced the masthead and two articles from a recent issue. Note that one of the articles is by, and the other about, Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlinite leader.

Eicher, were on trial for sedition. It calls for the formation of a third party. It quotes and publicizes liberally the various "nationalist" leaders who advocate everything from the boycott of war bonds to an immediate negotiated peace.

Recent contributors to the *Leader* read like a who's who in the "nationalist" movement. They include:

GERALD L. K. SMITH, the Detroit rabble-rouser whose associates range from the Catholic Father Coughlin to the vigorously anti-Catholic Gerald Winrod, from the alleged seditionist Elizabeth Dilling to the convicted seditionist William Dudley Pelley.

JOSEPH KAMP, the New York pamphleteer who heads the Constitutional Educational League. Kamp was recommended by World Service, the Nazi propaganda agency operating out of Erfurt, Germany; he has been closely associated with Lawrence Dennis, the alleged seditionist.

CARL MOTE, the Indianapolis anti-Semite who edits *America Preferred*. Mote is the one who finds "democracy" and "social equality" so distasteful. "Stop this hypocritical cant about democracy," Mote once shouted.

T. W. HUGHES, west coast hero of the German American Bund. Hughes formerly ran the League to Save America First. A speaker at one of his meetings yelled: "Democracy has died because its bloodstream has been poisoned by the International financial system."

WILLIAM LANGER, Senator from North Dakota, who has gone to great lengths to defend Nazi agent George Sylvester Viereck as well as the twenty-six who until recently were on trial for sedition.

Reprints Pro-Fascist Articles

Besides printing articles by these "nationalists," the *Leader* reprints from *Women's Voice*, the organ of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America. *Women's Voice* calls for an immediate negotiated peace, and the "mothers" advise their followers not to buy war bonds. The *Leader* also reprints from *National Defense*, a west coast magazine which wants the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro John Rankin for President of the United States.

The "newspaper Axis," — the *New York Daily News*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Washington Times-Herald*, and the Hearst press also is quoted liberally. Criticism of the war, our allies, "bungling," "bureaucrats," threats that Bolshevism will take over both Europe and America, dark hints that the war is being fought to preserve the British Empire, all creep into the *Leader* via the columns of the newspaper Axis.

The *Leader* is not a newspaper whose influence can be shrugged off lightly. It is a full-sized, six-page weekly established some forty-two years ago. Its established following (plus the Coughlinites to which it appeals, plus the "nationalists" wooed into its camp) can build the *Leader* into a menacing "nationalist" organ. It is a newspaper to be watched.

SEDITION CASE UNDECIDED

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pressure is being brought to have the case dropped altogether. If this happens, the defendants will interpret it as a go-ahead signal; as Gerald Winrod has threatened, they will carry on their pro-fascist propaganda with more zeal than before. On the other hand, if enough public pressure against the alleged seditionists is applied quickly, the Department of Justice might reopen the case.

What can YOU do about it? Write to the Attorney General, Washington, D. C. Urge that those accused of SEDITION be tried as quickly as possible.

A REPORT ON THE AMERICAN COALITION

John Bond Trevor, Cutler School, Harvard, Columbia Law, Republican, Baptist, Union Club, and leader of the American Coalition, has been casting about for new team mates in the "nationalist"* movement and has come up with two prize catches, Gerald L. K. Smith and Robert Rice Reynolds.

Trevor has been an active "nationalist" for many years. He has had unsavory team mates before. Many have had run-ins with the government or have been frightened into silence. Smith and Reynolds are different. Heading the America First Party and the Nationalist Party respectively, these two are going full steam ahead and are organizing all over the country.

That's where Trevor comes in. Although his most notorious associates are quiet, he still can muster a sizable following. The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, which he heads, is a bewildering conglomeration of pro-fascist, sub-fascist, semi-respectable, and respectable organizations marching together to the intoxicating tune of "Down with Roosevelt; Down with Russia; Down with the Refugees." There are about 114 of these organizations with something for every taste from D.A.R.'s to Dillingites. Even though a dozen of these groups, temporarily at least, are squelched, Trevor is still the titular leader of this coalition of some 100 organizations, each of which has a sizable following.

"Nationalist" Coalition Threatened

A coalition, then, of the Smith-Reynolds-Trevor forces would create a large "nationalist" block, and such a coalition is a distinct possibility. Smith and Reynolds have been conferring at length; Reynolds has been distributing a pamphlet by Trevor; and Trevor has been writing for Smith's magazine, the *Cross and the Flag*.

The American Coalition has been Trevor's project since back in the 'twenties when the world had the Soviet jitters. It probably would have remained "100 per cent American" and anti-communist if Hitler had remained in his Munich beer hall and not become Chancellor of Germany. But Hitler did become Chancellor, and John Bond Trevor, among others, found in National Socialism the final answer to the bearded Bolsheviks.

It was in 1933 that a Nazi propaganda agency in Erfurt, Germany, put out a

* "Nationalism" is an integral part of any fascist movement. Since fascism is no longer respectable, the pro-fascists refer to themselves as "nationalists."

DECEMBER, 1944

10,000,000 REFUGEES

by Capt. John B. Trevor

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third and last of three articles dealing with the Refugee problem taken from the testimony of Captain John B. Trevor before the Congressional Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. Captain Trevor is head of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, an organization representing over 100 groups of patriots. The first section of Mr. Trevor's statement appeared in the September issue. The second section appeared in the November issue.

At the present time, there is before the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, in the House of Representatives, a series of resolutions identical in purpose. These resolutions are numbered as follows: H. Res. 581, introduced by Mr. William W. Ellinger, Chairman of the New York, Chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization; H. Res. 581, introduced by Mr. Louis of Massachusetts; H. Res. 584, introduced by Mr. Marconiello of New York; H. Res. 585, introduced by Mr. Scanlon of Pennsylvania; H. Res. 587, introduced by Mr. Cullen of New York; H. Res. 588, introduced by Mr. Torrens of New York; H. Res. 594, introduced by Mr. Byrne of New York.

With the exception of the resolution introduced by Mr. Byrne, all of these resolutions are identical in purpose. They are identical in phrasing to express the same purpose as those of his colleagues, the text of these resolutions appears to be identical and as they seem to follow the same pattern, I have attached a copy of the first resolution, H. Res. 576, follows:

Whereas it is common knowledge that countless thousands of innocent persons, of all racial groups and religious beliefs, in many of the countries of continental Europe have been murdered or otherwise ruthlessly persecuted by the Axis Nations; and

Whereas, it is accepted by well-informed people that unless something is done in the immediate future countless more thousands will be murdered or otherwise ruthlessly persecuted, and

Whereas, under the present existing immigration laws, unlike the limitation on the number of persons who may come to the United States permanently as immigrants, there is no such limitation on the num-

Whereas the United States can and should contribute its facilities for the temporary relief of such persons by admitting some of these distressed people temporarily to specified areas to be known as free ports for refugees; Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is hereby declared to be the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should take such action as is necessary, within Executive powers under existing law, to admit tem-

Executive powers under existing law, to admit temporarily into designated areas within the United States, to be known as free ports for refugees, alien who can establish satisfactorily that they are bona fide political or religious refugees from countries in

Side political or religious refugees from countries in continental Europe, such temporary admission to be conditioned that such aliens will remain in the prescribed areas, will be admitted for a period not to exceed six months after hostilities have ceased, and

ceed six months after hostilities have ceased, and shall not thereby be considered as having acquired any rights to be or remain in the United States: Provided, however, That it is further the sense of the Congress that no persons should be admitted in ac-

Congress that no persons should be admitted in accordance with the spirit of this resolution, if they are afflicted with any loathsome, dangerous, or contagious disease.

It is further urged as being within the spirit of this resolution that as time is strictly of the essence in the success of the purpose of the resolution, the President is urged to act as soon as possible.

The December, 1944, issue of Gerald L. K. Smith's *Cross and the Flag* carries this article by John Trevor, leader of the American Coalition. Trevor, Smith, and Robert Rice Reynolds may join forces to form a large "nationalist" movement.

book entitled *Communism in Germany*. This book said that communism was rampant in the Reich before Hitler took over and that only national socialism could stamp out the Bolshevik menace. The English edition, distributed widely in the United States, carried a eulogistic introduction signed by none other than John Trevor.

In the years that followed Trevor welcomed into his Coalition a number of new organizations, some of which were generously tainted with Christian Fronters, Franco agents, alleged seditionists, anti-Semites, and Hitler-heilers.

There was the American Federation Against Communism, which was organized by Allen Zoll, a prominent Christian Frontier, later indicted for extortion. Its president, John E. Kelly, later was convicted as an unregistered agent of Franco Spain; one of its vice-presidents was Elizabeth Dilling, who, until Judge Eicher's death, was on trial for sedition. There was the Dames of the Loyal Legion, whose president-general, Mrs. David Good, collaborated with the accused seditionists Charles Hudson, George Deatherage, and James True. There was the American Women Against Communism who distributed Elizabeth Dilling's books, and whose offices were graced by the constant presence of Edwin Banta, worker for the German American Bund, who is now in jail.

Harry Jung's American Vigilante Intelligence Federation in Chicago joined

the Coalition, too. Jung, who was a labor spy, strike-breaker, and "authority" on communism in the 'twenties, took up the more profitable anti-Semitic racket in 1933. He helped Elizabeth Dilling distribute her book, the *Red Network*, and also sold copies of the anti-Semitic forgery, the *Protocols of Zion*.

Working westward, Trevor swept some California organizations into his Coalition. Out in Los Angeles he picked up Martin Luther Thomas who was running the Christian American Crusade. Thomas, a minister, once invited Henry Hamilton Beamish, leader of the Fascist Union of South Africa, to speak from his pulpit. Trevor also welcomed the American Indian Federation into his Coalition. The Federation was headed by Chief Red Cloud who claimed that the great Indian god, Watta-tonka, was the first Nazi, that Watta-tonka specifically approves of Adolph Hitler, etc.

Welcomes Unsavory "Patriots"

The American Coalition welcomed other unsavory "patriotic" organizations too. They included the Associated Farmers of vigilante fame and the National Constitution Day Committee whose meetings were studded with pro-fascists.

The Coalition was most active in 1940 and 1941 when it was preaching isolation and condemning the three R's—Roosevelt, reds, and refugees. It has been rather quiet since the outbreak of war.

Trevor's recent overtures to Smith and Reynolds indicate that he is about ready to come out of hibernation. In the past Trevor proved that it didn't take many Elizabeth Dilling's and Chief Red Cloud's to leaven a pretty big lump of "patriotic" societies. With the help of Smith and Reynolds, he may be able to do some leavening again.

What can YOU do about it? Write to the American Coalition, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., asking for a list of the organizations affiliated with the Coalition. If you are a member of any of these groups, protest to your chapter president, write a vigorous protest to your national office, organize a campaign to withdraw your organization from the Coalition.

"PATTERN FOR REVOLUTION," a new pamphlet by the Friends of Democracy, exposes fully the background of Gerald L. K. Smith, the man who is joining forces with John Trevor and the American Coalition. Order your copy today.

News Flashes

JOHN E. RANKIN pushes through the House of Representatives a measure creating a permanent Dies Committee. New members of Congress had been deluged with telegrams and letters from a Rankin-led pressure group urging them to vote for a permanent committee. Vote on the measure came within an hour after new members had been sworn in.

HAMILTON FISH abuses his franking privilege again. Fish recently sent a copy of his farewell speech to Congress to a fascist in New York City. And to how many others? In his speech, Fish reiterated his pre-war boosts for Germany characterizing the Nazis as a "bulwark against communism." In destroying Germany and Italy, Fish said, Churchill "created a Red Frankenstein far more dangerous to the British Empire."

THE SEVENTY-NINTH CONGRESS seats Homer Capehart "without prejudice to him or to the rights of the Senate." Which means that the Senate, at a later date, may be able to unseat him. Capehart is the Senator-elect from Indiana. His questionable associates were exposed in the BATTLEFRONT of July 31, 1944. EX-GOVERNOR EUGENE TALMADGE urges the Georgia legislature to abolish the poll tax. "Negroes don't vote anyway, unless they are encouraged by some communistic element," he said. THE ANDERSON COMMITTEE names the National Association of Manufacturers; Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government, and Joseph Kamp's Constitutional Educational League as the most flagrant examples of political groups masquerading under the euphemistic title, "educational."

FREDERICK C. CRAWFORD, president of the N.A.M., returns from Europe to say that French business prospered under the Germans, that the French probably would have preferred the Nazis to the Americans, that all the talk about French "collaborationists" is

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a racket, and that the bulk of the French underground is made up of communists, crooks, or thieves.

GERALD B. WINROD makes another heart-rending appeal for funds so that he may dedicate himself anew to spreading anti-democratic propaganda. He saw death enveloping Judge Eicher in a black cloud, he says, and praises the Lord that "Satan's work" was foiled.

EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

NOTE: *The PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT will in the future carry short editorials by well known writers dealing with subjects concerned with the fight for democracy. Subscribers to this bulletin are urged to pass these editorials to newspaper and magazine contacts — suggesting they use as is or revised to fit local conditions. For a start, we give you a short item by Henry Hoke, author of the sensational book, Black Mail.*

PLANNED DISRUPTION

by HENRY HOKE, author of *Black Mail*

For ten long years, the minds of the people of America have been softened . . . by printed and spoken propaganda. In 1934, the Nazi government started its flood of mailed poison from Germany to prepare the way for keeping us unprepared. Gradually the flood increased. Soon German-controlled agencies in this country were working the printing presses overtime grinding out the new type of pre-military poison. German agents even succeeded in having their mental poison inserted into the Congressional Record . . . and mailed under free Congressional frank.

Did December 7, 1941, mark the end of this campaign of words? Far from it! The German agencies were closed, of course. The franking racket was smashed . . . by exposure and convictions. The mail from abroad was cut off. But the seeds carefully planted in the minds of the native fascists have borne fruit . . . for the Nazi planters. The native Hitler helpers have grown stronger and more numerous. And bolder! Lack of action on the part of the Department of Justice (conscientiously trying to protect freedom of speech) has encouraged the hate spreaders to use even more violent words in the mail. Hate the government! Hate minorities!

The mails are still being flooded with confusion . . . a confusion which originated in Berlin back in 1933.

In the weeks and months ahead . . . this black mail will be a stronger and more terrifying enemy. Much of it will travel under the guise of political dispute. We must all learn to identify and distinguish between (1) truth, (2) normal dispute, (3) intolerant prejudice, and (4) planned disruption. If we do not . . . our boys will not win what they are fighting for. We will lose the peace.

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G. L. K. Smith Doesn't Go To Washington

There was much rejoicing in democratic circles over the resounding defeat which Gerald L. K. Smith suffered at the polls on November 7. Smith, who ran himself for President on the America First Party ticket, polled a lonely 625 votes out of the 850,000 cast in Detroit, the America First stronghold.

Comparisons were made with the Smith vote and that of William Lemke in 1936. Lemke, who was backed by Smith and Father Charles E. Coughlin, rolled up almost a million votes. Although Smith made a strong appeal to Coughlinites this year, his popularity lagged far, far behind that of Lemke eight years ago.

Judging from the election returns, it would seem that the Coughlinite-Smith forces dwindled into insignificance this November. But this conclusion, like the rejoicing over Smith's defeat, isn't necessarily warranted.

It is unlikely that Smith's handful of votes reflects the strength of the America First movement. In the first place, Smith polled well over 100,000 votes in the Michigan primary when he sought the Republican nomination for the United States Senate in 1942. Since that time his America First movement has grown, rather than diminished. There have been more, and better-attended, America First rallies; according to Smith's testimony before the House committee investigating campaign expenditures, money has been pouring into the America First treasury; and Smith has been gathering into his

fold all sorts of small-time movements such as the Constitutional Americans, the United Mothers, the Defenders of George Washington's Principles, and We, the Mothers, Mobilize. In the second place, Smith staged a series of rallies prior to the election. Thousands of America Firsters packed these rallies and cheered wildly. A few of those attending probably were investigators, but after all there aren't *that* many investigators.

This large following did not evaporate as if by magic on November 7. It is more likely that the America Firsters took to heart Smith's own admonition that, above all else, it was important to get "That Man" out of the White House. They deserted Smith to vote for Dewey. Not that they liked Dewey; they made it amply clear in their speeches and house organs that they hated him. But Roosevelt's defeat received first consideration. The election was too crucial to throw away votes even on a candidate such as Gerald L. K. Smith.

Smith, in this election, made a very poor showing, but he is far from being through politically. A man with a Messiah complex and an amazing amount of energy, he probably is set now to renew his fight. Before the election, Smith said: "Nationalism rolls up like a tide. It cannot be stopped. . . . The America First Party, though an infant this time, will be a full grown victorious entity in 1948. In fact, we expect to elect plenty of Congressmen in 1946."

Discouragingly enough, that prediction might come

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true. Already the America First Party is a political factor to be reckoned with in the midwest. In the south and east, Senator Robert Rice Reynolds is gathering strength to launch a new Nationalist Party. Smith calls Reynolds "Our Bob," and the two are working closely together. John B. Trevor, head of the American Coalition, is helping both Smith and Reynolds. The Coalition is a holding company of 114 "super-patriotic" groups, all of which are potential backers of the nationalist movement. Then there is the American Democratic National Committee, a catch-all for Coughlinites, anti-Semites, Roosevelt haters, and "nationalists." If these groups pool their forces, as they are threatening to do, theirs will be a formidable nationalist movement. "This (the 1944 campaign) is just a dress rehearsal," Smith said. "But it will be different in 1946 and 1948."

For a long while Gerald L. K. Smith claimed that he wasn't anti-Semitic: it was just that some of his best friends were anti-Semites. But times change, and so did Smith.

It was at the first national convention of the America First Party held in Chicago August 29 and 30, that Homer Maertz, delegate from Chicago, jumped to his feet and resolved that a plank, regarding the Jews, be inserted in the America First Party platform.

The Jews should be deported, Maertz said, and any Jews electing to stay here should be sterilized, "thus solving the American Jewish problem for all time."

Now Smith did not kick Maertz out of the convention, even though the Chicago delegate's record in the American Nazi movement is notorious. Maertz was the Chicago leader of William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts, a member of the German-American Bund, director of the German-American National Alliance, and was jailed for six months for breaking the windows of what he termed "Jewish" department stores.

Smith smiled benignly while the delegates discussed the Maertz resolution. At length he said: "These expressions show that America does have a Jewish problem which must be solved. I will solve it with my faith in Christ. *But this does not mean I will be soft.*"

Eventually the Maertz resolution was "filed in the party archives for future reference," and, with Smith's approval, the delegates voted a different plank into the party platform. This plank began: "We must admit that there is a Jewish problem. It must be solved honestly, realistically, and courageously. We shall oppose prejudice and encourage the research necessary to the solution of this, the world's most unsolved problem." The "research" is to consist of determining whether Paul Joseph Goebbels is right in saying that Communism is Jewish, the New Deal is Jewish, the Jews control the press, movies, and radio, and the Jews are responsible for the United States' entry into World War II.

Maertz wasn't the only Jew-baiter at the America First Party Convention. There was an all-star cast of anti-

Semites—the largest collection of small-time fascist leaders under one roof since George Deatherage staged his American Christian Conference in Kansas City seven years ago.

William Robert Lyman, squat ex-prizefighter and leader of the pro-Nazi National Workers League, used his two weeks vacation from the sedition trial in Washington to peddle anti-Semitic literature at Smith's convention. Elizabeth Dilling, who took time off from her sedition trial to stump the country for Smith's America First Party, wasn't able to attend, but she was represented by her secretary, Mary Leach. Miss Leach, who currently is running Mrs. Dilling's Patriotic Research Bureau, distributed anti-Semitic literature and solicited funds on the convention floor. Mrs. Lyril Van Hyning, leader of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, was there too. Mrs. Van Hyning, who thinks both the Republican and Democratic parties are controlled by a coalition of communists, Jews, and international bankers, ran a convention of her own a short time back. Her convention called for an immediate negotiated peace—we should put an end to this "useless slaughter" being fought for a "worse than futile cause," Mrs. Van Hyning contended.

Carl H. Mote, the anti-Semitic editor of *America Preferred*, chaired the convention. "Why were the Republican platform makers at Chicago such arrant cowards? Or were they cowards?" Mote asked the delegates. "Perhaps they were only traitors in disguise. . . . Are the dominant Republicans controlled by the same sinister cabal as that which now rules the roost at the American White House? No other explanation is conceivable."

Among the convention speakers was George T. Foster, leader of Chicago's Constitutional Americans. Foster recently edited a leaflet called "Tommy, the Cantor," the thesis of it being that Thomas Dewey was not fit to be President of the United States because he once sang in a Jewish Synagogue. But Smith was pleased to have Foster as a speaker. He "acquitted himself like a statesman," Smith said. "His address . . . served as ideal foundation material for the building of this new Party."

Harry Romer, who appeared on the convention program and who was nominated for vice-president on the America First Party ticket, was active for years in Father Charles E. Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice. Adding further to the Coughlinite flavor of the convention, Joseph Stoffel of Buffalo addressed the delegates on "monetary reform." "Our money problem wouldn't be in its present state if money hadn't gotten away from God," Stoffel shouted. "Only one man told us that, and he is the prophet Isaiah of the present century, known as Father Coughlin."

Others prominent at the convention were Catherine Brown and Lillian Parks of the National Blue Star Mothers, Charles Madden and Marie Lohle of Defenders of George Washington's Principles, Mrs. David Stanley of the United Mothers, S. O. Sanderson of Minnesota's money reform movement, and Leland Marion, the Fundamentalist minister who spends his time fighting gaso-

line rationing and writing for Smith's magazine, the *Cross and the Flag*.

Charles J. Anderson, who won the Republican nomination for Congress in Illinois's Sixth District, was at the convention too. Anderson's pro-fascist record is so flagrant that the Republican machine in Illinois refused to back him; it backed an independent candidate instead. When Governor Dewey visited Springfield, according to Smith, he sent word ahead that he would not shake hands with Anderson and that he would have nothing to do with him. In the general election a coalition of regular Republicans, Democrats, and independents managed to bring about Anderson's defeat. But Smith did not shun Anderson. "A fearless fighter," he called him. Anderson's "address to the Convention proved to be a vital factor in making the Convention the success that it was," Smith said.

Although Smith's convention, glittering with a dozen or so of America's pro-fascist leaders, is reminiscent of George Deatherage's American Christian Conference, it is more ominous than was Deatherage's. Deatherage threatened more violence and revolution, but Smith is the one who can trot out big-time names—leaders who conceivably could lead large masses of followers into the pro-fascist camp.

Smith is counting on the post-war support of Father Charles E. Coughlin, and Coughlin, during his heyday, counted his followers in the millions. The America First convention was merely a "dress rehearsal," Smith said. "I hope Father Coughlin will be one of our speakers in 1948."

But Smith has far more "respectable" leaders than Coughlin in his camp. Robert Rice Reynolds, Smith says, was asked to head the America First Party ticket this year. Reynolds refused, but he sent a message to the convention. "One of the inspirations of the gathering was a greeting of encouragement from United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds, a true Nationalist if there ever was one," Smith said. Smith also offered the leading spot on the A.F.P. ticket to Senator Burton K. Wheeler and Charles Lindbergh. Wheeler, according to Smith, "did not scorn" the invitation but excused himself because of his age. "I visited with Charles A. Lindbergh until 2 in the morning trying to get him to be our candidate," said Smith, "but he told me that while he believed in the principles of the America First group, he felt that he was not cut out for politics."

Smith is counting on these leaders and on post-war unrest to carry his party to victory in 1948. It was Smith who said: "When chaos comes, I'll be the leader."

After the first national convention of the America First Party had nominated Gerald L. K. Smith for President and Harry Romer for vice-president, the A.F.P. had exactly two months in which to place its candidates' names on the ballot in forty-eight states and to stump the country in their behalf.

There wasn't much time left, so the America Firsters swung into action. Smith sought to place the America

First Party on the ballots of nine states; he threatened **Campaign** to test the constitutionality of the state election laws of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York in the Supreme Court if his Party were not placed on their respective ballots. Pressure was put on the O.P.A. so that Smith might have extra gasoline to use during the campaign. Elizabeth Dilling left her sedition trial in Washington to help. George Vose, recently mustered out of the army, set out to organize the veterans on Smith's behalf. Rallies were held in Chicago, St. Henry, Ohio, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia.

Smith ran into some difficulty in getting his name on the various state ballots. The Michigan ballot accepted the America First Party ticket, and Don Lohbeck, A.F.P. secretary, said that the party was conducting a write-in campaign in twenty-one other states. Somehow no one got around to "testing the constitutionality" of the election laws in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. That particular crusade seems to have been forgotten in the rush.

Extra gasoline for the campaign also presented a problem. Smith's local ration board denied him the extra rations on the grounds that he was not a bona fide candidate for the Presidency. "This is to be expected," Smith said. "It represents the last stand of the bureaucrats in their attempt to stifle free speech." But he appealed the case.

The "bureaucrats" running the regional O.P.A. proved a little more lenient. Saying that "any political candidate is entitled to extra gasoline for campaigning," they granted Smith 633 extra gallons.

Elizabeth Dilling appeared with Smith in Chicago, St. Henry, and Philadelphia. In St. Henry, Harry Romer's home town, she sang songs ridiculing Jews, rationing, and the New Deal. George Vose, who was court-martialed and convicted in 1943 of selling government property and military passes to other soldiers, toured with Smith organizing "American Veterans First." "Mr. George Vose," Smith said, "is an eloquent and dynamic

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speaker. . . . He is getting the names of veterans (who) will join with us in the campaign to keep America out of foreign entanglements, a world government and future wars."

George Foster's Constitutional Americans sponsored the America First rally in Chicago, where Smith denounced both the Republicans and Democrats. Harry Romer figured prominently in the St. Henry rally. It was there that Romer, the local funeral director, tossed some of his and Smith's votes to Dewey and Bricker. "If the people of a nation don't use the brains God gave them and vote the Republican ticket this year," he said, "they will find they're throwing themselves into slavery."

In Pittsburgh Smith screamed that the aim of the America First Party was "to prevent the building of an international police force." In Philadelphia he accused Dewey of "covering up President Roosevelt's skulduggery" and said that the "two old parties are doomed."

~~In the midst of the campaign Harry Romer made a~~ faux pas. He said that the vast majority of Legionnaires are the "finest citizens," but that those who "rule the American Legion are the most disloyal citizens in the United States."

The Legionnaires in Michigan became furious. They unanimously passed a resolution to send information about Smith to the Legion's national headquarters and to the 11,000 Legion posts throughout the country. L. Glen Shields, Legion leader in Detroit, remarked: "After being run out of Louisiana, Illinois and other sections of this country, Smith has had the effrontery to come here, settle down and continue his money-raising racket." And the Detroit Districts Association of the Legion launched a campaign to run Smith out of town.

The newspapers report that Allen Zoll has been operating out of Gerald L. K. Smith's private office in Detroit. It was Zoll who organized the Christian Front

picket line which was thrown around radio station WMCA when that station cut Coughlin off the air. Zoll later was indicted for extortion in connection with calling off the pickets.

On October 3 Gerald L. K. Smith appeared before Congressman Anderson's house committee investigating campaign expenditures. Smith admitted (1) that he failed to file statements on his campaign receipts and expenditures, as required by law; (2) that his Committee of 1,000,000 has been without funds for the past four years; (3) that he opposed tire, sugar, and food rationing; (4) that he spent between \$2500 and \$3500 campaigning during the month of September, and (5) that his income is about \$200 a day.

During the hearing Smith was questioned about Homer Maertz and his resolution against the Jews introduced at the America First convention. Committee members reminded Smith that Maertz has a long pro-Nazi record.

Among those present when Smith testified before Anderson's committee was Elizabeth Dilling.

Possibly Gerald L. K. Smith has tried, but he just can't seem to get along with Henry Ford and Ford's right-hand man, Harry Bennett.

It all started back in the early days of Smith's campaign for President when the America First leader began to bandy around the name of Charles Lindbergh. Lindbergh, being in the Pacific war theater, wasn't in a position to confirm or deny Smith's statements about him; consequently Bennett and other Ford officials set about to defend Lindbergh's good name. "Smith's attempts to link his name with that of Lindbergh were purely political moves," the Ford officials said. "We feel that it is only just that we, again, make it plain and clear that Lindbergh carries no flags for Smith or his party."

Perhaps it was in retaliation that Smith made a public statement to the effect that Harry Bennett once gave him \$2000. Bennett admitted having given the money to Smith, but he was extremely annoyed over the whole incident. Bennett said he made the gift "three or four years ago" and that the money was to help Smith fight "communism and labor racketeering." Bennett complained bitterly that he was picked on by Smith because he wouldn't go along with the America First's political beliefs. "I do not support Smith's political beliefs," Bennett told newspapermen. "I have told him so publicly and privately and in no uncertain terms."

But if Bennett so thoroughly dislikes Smith, just when did the two get together "privately" to discuss "political beliefs?"

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Launches New Crusades

Gerald L. K. Smith, replete with body guard, police escort, and persecution complex, invaded Chicago this month.

About 1,000 America Firsters gathered at the Plasterers Benevolent and Protective Association (A. F. of L.) Hall to cheer the Detroit rabble-rouser. Smith denounced communism, Roosevelt, Winchell, Dumbarton Oaks, the Yalta conference, and "internationalism."

Outside in the rain, teen-agers from the Boys' Brotherhood Republic picketed with signs: "Don't Double Cross Our Boys Who Crossed the Rhine," "Hitler Wants Disunity, We Want Victory," "Let's Keep Hitler's Ideas Out of Chicago."

Chicago, for Smith, was a testing ground of his strength and his opposition. There he confirmed a number of his opinions: (1) he can still draw crowds; (2) he has formidable opposition, and (3) he's good at getting newspaper publicity.

With confirmation under his belt, Smith is ready to launch half a dozen new crusades. He has been running to Washington to confer with friendly Congressmen. He has nine trusted men in the capital who will help bring about a "nationalist" revival in America.

Smith's current activities and plans include: (1) a "nationalist" lobby in Washington, (2) a Nationalist Service (N.N.S.) for newspapers and periodicals which like to give their stories the "nationalist" slant, (3) a weekly newsletter on "nationalist" activity to be mailed from Washington, (4) a Nationalist Book Club, (5) "nationalist" meetings to be held all over the country, and (6) a National Emergency Committee "designed to educate our Congress concerning this crisis."

Smith's danger lies in his ability to wed the "respectable" with the unrespectable. In Washington he hobnobs with Congressmen. Back in Detroit he works with his National Emergency Committee which includes on its board two alleged seditionists and a large assortment of the most violent pro-fascists in the country.



The Chicago Tribune, nettled by attacks on its pro-fascist policy, recently ran the cartoon above. The three pictured here are L. M. Birkhead, National Director of Friends of Democracy, Rex Stout of the Writers War Board and President of F. O. D., and Marshall Field, publisher of PM and the Chicago Sun. (For background data on Tribune, see next issue of BATTLEFRONT.)

Abuse Franking Privilege

Agnes Waters, the most violent of the pro-fascist "mothers," has been using the Congressional frank of J. Percy Priest of Tennessee, Charles L. Gifford of Massachusetts, and J. J. Mansfield of Texas to send out, postage free, official casualty lists published by the War Department.

Mrs. Waters is notorious for statements like this: "IMPEACH THE PRESENT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt who is a traitor! . . . when I am President, I shall arrest, and hang for TREASON any bureaucrat . . ."

One of Mrs. Waters' followers says the "mothers" are to write to the nearest kin of the casualties saying "the war was brought on by the Jews."

Surely Congressmen Priest, Gifford, and Mansfield do not agree with Mrs. Waters. But how did she get their franked envelopes? And the official casualty lists? Mrs. Waters' daughter is alleged to be a WAC who works for the War Dept.

F.F.E. BACKS AMVETS

Reactionary and pro-fascist organizations are out to recruit war veterans into their ranks. The latest to appeal to veterans is Fight for Free Enterprise of San Antonio, Texas. In mimeographed letters and in its news bulletin, F.F.E. is plugging hard for AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II). As revealed in the BATTLEFRONT of February 15, F.F.E. advocates "Nationalism—with a large capital 'N.'" It favors continuation of the poll tax, disenfranchising federal employees, and elimination of Negro vote in Democratic primaries.

CATHOLICS SLANDERED

Sword and Shield, Fundamentalist paper published in Portland, Oregon, is busy attacking Catholics. L. J. King, Ohio correspondent for the paper, intimates that each "high mass" is a "drunken spree," and says that he has "plenty of this stuff" on "Popery." Books advertised in *Sword and Shield* include *Secret Confession to a Roman Priest Exposed*, *Convent Horror*, and *The Roman System of Religion*. (For background information on anti-Catholicism, see the next issue of the BATTLEFRONT.)

1,000,000 "NATIONALISTS"

According to the *Gaelic American*, the American Nationalists now have "units in 48 states" and "can boast of over a million members." This group, exposed in the BATTLEFRONTS of February 15 and 28, is headed by Robert Rice Reynolds, and officially will adopt the title "Nationalist Party," during the next few months. No doubt the "boast" of "over a million members" is an exaggeration. Reynolds, however, is doing very well by himself. He has the cooperation of several of the largest newspapers in the country—the New York *Daily News*, the Chicago *Tribune*, and the Hearst press.

A REPORT ON WE, THE MOTHERS, MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC.

(The last issue of the BATTLEFRONT reported on the current activities of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc. Following is background information on them—showing their attempts to stop the war now and their general fascist leanings.)

Chicago, which is the center of much of this country's subversive activity, is the home of America's foremost bogus "mothers" group, We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc. Mrs. Lyrl Clark Van Hyning, the president of the organization, has been active ever since the notorious March on Washington in 1941 to defeat Lend-Lease and impeach President Roosevelt. This venture was organized by the indicted seditionist Elizabeth Dilling, whose violently anti-Semitic book the *Octopus* has been a long time favorite of both foreign and American fascists. We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc., claims one thousand members in the Chicago area alone; and at one time claimed to speak for 150,000 American mothers. Their office staff, however, is composed entirely of volunteers who put out the group's monthly newspaper, *Women's Voice*. The paper specializes in bitter damnations of the President of the United States and allied leaders. It calls for an immediate negotiated peace. It rebukes the Jews, sometimes calling them Jews, sometimes referring to them as "International Bankers." Lately Mrs. Grace Billings has replaced Mrs. Grace Keefe as Secretary.

In 1941 Mrs. Van Hyning, who is said to underwrite any deficits which the "mothers" may incur, sent letters to the nearest relatives of American sailors who had been killed in pre-Pearl Harbor encounters with German submarines. To the dead men's families she wrote: "In the name of Justice, we ask you to call to account the real murderers of your loved ones, the man who violated the Constitution of the United States by sending him into the war zone. . . . We beg you not to be deceived by propaganda into blaming a foreign power." This letter was so vicious that the late Col. Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy, published it with a condemnation stating that this was part of an organized scheme to cripple morale on the home front and among our fighting men.

On June 12, 1944, the "mothers" staged their Women's National Peace Convention. Delegates attended from forty of the forty-eight states. A resolution was passed plugging nationalism, damning internationalism, calling for an immediate end of hostilities. The undercurrents present during this convention were extremely vicious. Anti-Semitic literature was widely distributed. One piece, written by George T. Foster, Director of



Above is the front page of *Women's Voice* for April 27, 1944, showing the announcement of last summer's peace conference, demanding a negotiated peace now, and decrying the "International Bankers." Another peace conference is planned for next June.

Constitutional Americans, another subversive Chicago outfit, was headlined "TOMMY THE CANTOR. The remarkable story of THOMAS E. DEWEY who rose from Cantor in a Jewish Synagogue to aspirant for the Presidency of the United States." Catherine Parker passed out copies of Henry H. Klein's pamphlet demanding the impeachment of President Roosevelt. Klein, an attorney, has represented and given legal aid and advice to many of the subversives. Mrs. Parker also gave out copies of a review favoring Nesta Webster's book *World Revolution*. Mrs. Webster wrote books, among the first in the fascist movement which were distributed by Dr. Goebbels. The most violent item in Mrs. Parker's kit, however, was a ninety-page pamphlet titled "THE JEW REFUGEE INVASION OF AMERICA THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT." The pamphlet carries no name of publisher or distributor.

Women's Voice in speaking of the convention said: "It was epoch-making—the first time in all history that a peace conference was ever called during a war."

The "mothers" have been active politically since their first attempt at national recognition, the march on Washington in 1941. In Washington they traveled from office to office trying to see one legislator after another. Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, and Congressman Roy Woodruff, of Michigan, greeted the "mothers" and were photographed with them.

In February of 1944, Mrs. Van Hyning got instructions from Harry Woodring, by way of the *Chicago Tribune*, to get 3,000 people to sign a petition entering W. Lee O'Daniel in the primary as a candidate for President of the United States. Mrs. Van Hyning called on her "mothers" who put aside their mops and collected the signatures in one day. The petition, however, arrived in the office of the Illinois Secretary of State just fifteen minutes too late to be entered.

Regarding a third party, Mrs. Van Hyning wrote: ". . . I know Dewey is an internationalist, controlled absolutely. . . . I am in favor of the Third Party." For a long time the subversives have tried to get a third party started, because the two major parties will have nothing to do with the enemies of freedom.

In the last election the "mothers" went all out for Charles J. Anderson, Jr., the Republican nominee for Congress and Richard J. Lyons, Senatorial candidate.

We, the Mothers apparently have a high opinion of the Germans and the Japs. Currently they are distributing the book, *The Right To Work Versus Slavery*, by Milo Blish Pinkerton. This book says: "Society cannot ultimately progress, live without wars, without following in his (Turgot's) footsteps and adopting his analysis of this science. . . . the principles of Turgot have been adopted almost one hundred per cent by the Nazi Party and the German government. . . . most of these principles, and especially the educational system, have been adopted by the Japanese government."

In closing let's look at Mrs. Van Hyning's views in regard to the war and the postwar world. In her address to the Women's National Peace Conference, she said, ". . . Wars—all wars are artificial. There is no cause. The pretended causes are built up by certain interests. . . . Is it too far-fetched to say that D-Day, June 6, 1944, was planned 25 years ago?" Shortly after the convention the "mothers" sent out a mimeographed article which said, in part, ". . . it must have been the happiest day in our Dictator's (Roosevelt's) life, the day the Japs attacked us at Pearl Harbor, because the crime furnished him with an excuse, even if it was the flimsiest kind of excuse, that there has ever been used by any nation to start a war against another." In regard to the peace conference which will set up the post-war world, the "mothers" have said, "The International Bankers must not be permitted to take part at the peace conference. None but Christians should participate. . . ."

PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT

News Flashes

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, rumor has it, will reopen the mass sedition trial within the next few weeks. Reports on the number to be included vary, but it is agreed that "not more than half" of the 26 will be retried.

NEGRO AND WHITE INFANTRY-MEN are fighting shoulder to shoulder in some infantry divisions of the First United States Army on the Western Front, according to a recent article in the *Stars and Stripes*.

HAMILTON FISH'S farewell to Congress still is being mailed out in the franked envelopes of Congressman Harold Knutson of Minnesota. Many copies, franked by Knutson, are being distributed in the up-state New York district formerly represented by Fish. Augustus W. Bennet now represents this district, and it is he, not Fish, who is entitled to correspond with residents, postage free.

LOTTIE HOLMAN O'NEILL, Illinois "nationalist," introduced into the Illinois State Legislature a resolution calling on the United States to drop the "unconditional surrender" slogan.

GEORGE VOSE, leader of Gerald L. K. Smith's veterans' group, is making speeches for the Farmers Guild. The Guild is led by Carl Mote.

L. L. MARION, Fundamentalist friend of Gerald L. K. Smith, runs a weekly radio forum.

CONYERS NEWS and ATLANTA CONSTITUTION have attacked the Commoner Party of Conyers, Georgia. This Party is anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. "The city of Conyers has no room for such an organization," the *News* declared.

STALIN MAY BE for "Russia First" and Churchill may be for "Britain First," but Edward Lodge Curran, self-styled "American Nationalist," is for Ireland first. In a recent speech before the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Curran pled with his followers to be for "America First." Each of his concrete suggestions, however, was for the benefit of Ireland.

RAISED EYEBROWS DEPARTMENT: A semi-official newspaper in Franco Spain this month attacked Japan and the "yellow peril," which it called a "threat against our type of civilization."

SENATOR VANDENBERG'S new "internationalism" is making him extremely unpopular with the pro-fascists. "A bogus statesman," Carl Mote calls him, "No More! No Less!"

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, Inc., is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Kansas City, Missouri. Since 1937 it has been exposing subversive movements in this country, and its files on un-American activities, built over a period of seven years, are among the most nearly complete in the United States. It is supported by the voluntary contributions of its numerous friends throughout the country. The PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT is only one of the many functions of the organization. Subscription to the BATTLEFRONT is \$3 per year, 24 issues. Will you please tell your friends about this method of keeping up-to-date on what's happening on the propaganda front?

NATIONAL UNION FARMER, organ of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union, last month attacked Vance Muse and his Christian American Association. The farmers must not be tricked into fighting labor, the paper said.

ALFRED J. DICKINSON, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, and the *Alabama Baptist* are attacking anti-Semitism. "Christianity pioneered for Hitler when it condoned German anti-Semitism. Without anti-Semitism there might have been no Hitlerized Germany today," the Baptists say.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has removed all questions pertaining to religion and race from its application-for-admission blanks.

MARTHA C. HUBBARD of Mothers of America is pamphleteering again. She doesn't like the war, Republicans, Democrats, and "internationalists."

EUGENE TALMADGE, the Georgia Ku Kluxer, is threatening that our streets and roads "will run red with blood." This will happen, Talmadge says, if the "do-gooders" don't quit trying to "uplift" the Negroes.

JOHN R. IRWIN of Sandersville, Georgia, is crusading against the "Negro-uplifters" too. He says he's out to preserve the "racial integrity of both the White and Negro races." In this connection, he wants to enlist the aid of both the D.A.R. and the U.D.C. (United Daughters of the Confederacy).

KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Hearst correspondent in Madrid, writes: "With the impending collapse of Germany and her destruction as a dam against Communism, Spain and Portugal, a thousand miles to the west, become the next barriers to the onrushing Red tidal flood."

EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

NOTE: Each issue of the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT carries a short editorial by a well-known writer dealing with the fight for democracy. Subscribers to this bulletin are urged to pass these editorials to newspapers and magazines—suggesting that they be used as is or revised to fit local conditions.

THE DRAFT DODGER

By ANNE SIMMONS

Editor of the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT

A 22-year-old soldier, now fighting on the Western Front, recently wrote this letter to one of my friends:

"There was an empty bed in our hut the other night. I hadn't known him very well, as he had moved in only a week before. It was hard for me to realize that he had done more than go on furlough, which is quite possible since nine 'chutes were seen to open as the plane went into a dive over France.

"Mike was his name, and he was a co-pilot. He belonged to the race which Hitler told us is inferior, which Nye has discovered to be the cause of all our troubles, which Coughlin has told us it is the duty of Christians to stamp out, and which most of the people who 'count' in America will tell you has evaded war responsibilities and dodged the draft en masse. All these charges are of course irrefutable, but particularly the one concerning draft dodging. The Jews have a genius for finding themselves safe and sheltered jobs, such as flying crew positions in the Eighth Air Force. I can verify that from what I know about our own squadron, in which 12 per cent of the pilots, 6 per cent of the co-pilots, 30 per cent of the navigators, and 20 per cent of the bombardiers belong to the tainted race (whose population is just over 4 per cent of America's total).

"So Mike went down, and no doubt at the very moment that his plane caught fire, some sturdy defender of the American way of life was urging that people of Mike's faith be 'suppressed.' If I had been Mike I would not have had the heart to go on fighting after reading the *Chicago Tribune* or hearing of Rankin's Jew-baiting on the floor of Congress last month. But he kept going in the hope that decent Americans would win out in the end."

All America should know about Mike and the thousands of "Mikes" just like him. Through knowing and respecting him we can make sure that those "decent Americans," in whom he had so much faith, actually will "win out in the end."

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Document Reveals Dashnag Collaboration With Nazis

(Editor's Note:—The following document, translated into Armenian from the original German text and published in a pamphlet in France, recently arrived in this country. As the document reveals, the so-called Armenian National Council" (not to be confused with the ARMENIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL organized and now functioning in America) appealed to Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi Minister of the Eastern Occupied Areas (Russian) to turn Soviet Armenia into a German colony. The Council was comprised of the following Dashnag leaders: President —Prof. Ardashes Abeghian; Vice-pres. — Abraham Gulkhandanian; Secretary — Haroutune Baghdasarian; members — David Davidkhanian, Garegin Nuzhdeh (father of Tzaghagrons), Vahan Papazian (Count), Dro Ganayan, and Der-Tovmasian.)

1. The Armenian National Council was organized in Berlin, December 15, 1942, under the patronage of the Ministry of the Eastern Occupied Areas. The former will endeavor to carry out its program by maintaining permanent ties with the Eastern Bureau as well as with other jurisdictional departments (authorities). Thus the Armenian National Council undertakes to be an agent between Germany and the Armenians, and to that end, is ready to serve the people, and of course, within the coexisting circle of the European peoples.

2. On the one hand, the Armenian National Council strives for the liberation of Armenia from the Bolshevik yoke and the Russian domination; but on the other hand, it encourages the efforts of the Armenian nation for freedom and the political self-government of Armenia.

3. In order to carry out these purposes and programs freely, to achieve and to establish them firmly, the Armenian National Council considers the political protection of the German Reich over Armenia the most secure guaranty. On this occasion, the Armenian National Council is actuated by the idea that in this way the policy followed by the Armenian leaders of the Middle Ages may be revived and established; according to this policy the powerful German Reich was considered the liberator of Armenia and of the Armenian people.

4. For the successful execution of its program, the Armenian National Council finds it imperative to gather together all the Armenian national living forces. It will strive to achieve this purpose by oral or written methods.

5. The Armenian National Council finds it imperative—the gradual return to the Fatherland of its nationals who under definite historic or political conditions, against their will, were compelled to emigrate and now live in various countries. In this category are, first, artisans, skilled workers, farmers, also physicians, nurses, writers and intelligentsia, etc. Only in this way will it be possible to utilize the inner creative power of the Armenian people in its entirety for the growth and progress of the country—and it is this power which has been accepted and appreciated by the noted travelers, and scientists of Europe.

6. The Armenian National Council, to second its program, will call the attention of its patron government upon the territorial needs of the present day Armenia. The Armenian National Council, as far as it is capable, will try to solve this problem justly in Transcaucasia, and if necessary, will call upon the adjudication of the Reich.

7. The Armenian National Council is convinced that the efforts of its

people should be crowned with success because Armenia, through the powerful help of the German Reich, will become a self-governing country and as such, will be built up. Only in this way will the Armenian people be able to develop freely their native culture and national life in all its phases. Language, literature, industry, economy, administration, justice, etc., and of course, in new ways and new direction.

8. The Armenian National Council will do everything to facilitate the work of its patron government, including the national wealth of the land, taking into consideration the economic reconstruction of Armenia and the interest of the two peoples.

9. Under the protection of the German Reich, Armenia, so far as she is able, will strive to strengthen the German influence in the Near East. In this connection, the Armenian National Council finds it imperative to evaluate the bitter disappointments and terrible misery which Russia, as well as England have caused on the Armenians in the course of history. This is a strong reason for the Armenian people to "turn their face from" (relinquish) the above mentioned governments forever. In this connection, the Armenian National Council would like to mention the fight of many years which the Armenian people waged against the Russian tyranny, whether Tsarist or Bolshevik. On this occasion, the general revolt of the people on February 18, 1921, should be remembered, as a result of which the Bolshevik despotism was overthrown and a national government was established, even though for only a short time.

10. Besides this, the Armenian National Council will strive to cultivate relations with all neighboring peoples and especially with the people of the Caucasus and their national organs, and of course, upon the basis of mutual understanding and common interests.

11. Realizing the historic, political, economic and cultural intimate ties between Great Germany and her protectorate, Armenia, the Armenian National Council will consider it its high duty to strengthen these mentioned ties and to render them unbreakable. For this purpose are already called, and hereafter will be called, those auxiliary Armenian forces which are now active and fighting with the Germans for final victory and liberation.

12. The Armenian National Council is an agent in the present period of transition. Its jurisdiction and activity cease the moment when, under the leadership of Germany and the help of the Armenian National Council, a new government is created in Armenia.

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We find it extremely painful and wasteful to devote time and energy on matters which would have been better left alone but which are forced upon us through the impact of swift-moving world events. These matters concern not only one faction or group in our community life but are vitally linked to the present and future existence of an entire people. Our people, decimated by systematic massacres, betrayed and left at the mercy of our enemies by the so-called former "allies" in the last war, had at last found security in their own ancestral homeland and were beginning to breathe freely when a new and more devastating holocaust broke loose upon the world.

On another page in this newspaper we reluctantly publish a document which may be self-explanatory to some but which needs further elucidation for most of our readers. That document is the most damning and criminal proof, if proof were needed, against the clique whose leaders turned traitors like Laval and Vidkun Quisling and betrayed their own people into the clutches of Hitlerian Germany, knowing too well all the time that it was the same Germany who in the last war prepared the blueprint for the annihilation of the entire Armenian nation and helped the Turks put it into diabolical execution.

And today the puny and bootlicking minions of Hitler and Nazi ideology are resorting to every conceivable trick to "explain away" that damnable and dastardly document (even the Armenian-language organ of the clique published in Boston admitted its authenticity) to their own credulous and gullible followers who were led to believe that their contributions and sacrifices were honestly to be used toward the pursuance of the "Armenian Cause."

You don't have to stretch your imagination very far to visualize the dire and ghastly consequences if the Nazi hordes were successful in reaching Armenia and "liquidating" all the Armenian families whose sons and husbands were so gallantly fighting in the ranks of the Red Army. As these Dashnag leaders had planned and schemed, the handful remnants of our people would have been left to the mercy of bloodthirsty Gestapo and Storm Troopers. And that is exactly what these traitors who signed the document called "liberation of Armenia from the Bolshevik and Russian domination." They single out Russia and England as enemies of the Armenian people, but Turkey is not even mentioned.

No. These leaders and their blind followers can never be the liberators of the Armenian people. Their fratricidal terrorism, their fanatical and obtuse stupidity and incurable political opportunism have turned them into grave-diggers of the remnants of a people. They conspired with the Nazis in the darkest and most critical period in the history of our people as they had schemed and plotted in the past with the Tatar Musawatis, Georgian Mensheviks, with the Turks and the Kurds against Soviet Russia knowing too well that the plot was also aimed against Soviet Armenia.

Once again we will reiterate a previous statement made in these columns some time ago that the Dashnag clique is politically bankrupt and morally discredited and all the screaming and howling of their mercenary, puny and mendacious editors to the contrary notwithstanding, they have forever forfeited the right to speak in the name of the Armenian people.

History has given its verdict and they themselves have signed their own judgment with the present criminal document in which they openly chose to cast their lot with the irreconcilable enemies of the Armenian people.

PHOTO OF DASHNAG QUISLINGS IN GERMANY

In photographic proof of the assertions made on this page is the photograph below showing (front row) DRO



Ganayan, ARF leader, posing with high-ranking Nazi official. (Second row) 1. Unnamed German official, 2. Dashnag volunteer Legionnaire, 3. High-ranking Nazi and quartermaster of DRO's group, 4. Peno, DRO's lieutenant and a Nazi propagandist in his own right, 5. Tigran Beg Paktasarian, head of a special unit of spies, 6. Another Dashnag Legionnaire, 7. Karo Darkhanian, former colonel in Dashnag army, entrusted by Nazis to train Dashnag spies to operate behind the Red Army.

Churchman Bares Depredations Of Notorious Dashnag Terrorist Dro

BY VERY REVEREND SOOREN VARTABED

(Translated from "Echmiadzin" of January, 1944)

On September 27th of 1943, on the recommendation of Archbishop Gevorg Cheurekjian, popularly elected Vicar-Catholikos of All-Armenians, I left for Northern Caucasus to get acquainted with the Armenian Churches and with the affairs of the faithful flock, to elect new spiritual councils and to certify and adjust their financial accounts.

During these travels we were fully informed of the brutalities perpetrated by the Germans during their five-month stay. From Transcaucasia till Rostov as if a ravaging fiery storm had swept over that once beautiful, rich and fertile land and had left its devastating traces everywhere.

Even the churches—among them Armenian churches—were not spared and were laid waste. The magnificent Church of Georgievsk, which was of immense architectural value, was destroyed by the Germans and nothing but the ruins were left.

No less than the depredations of the German soldiers and officers have been the predatory brutalities of that notorious Dashnag terrorist Dro. This bandit with his volunteer "heroes" had done everything not to lag behind his German masters whom he was serving as a hired mercenary.

Resorting to all possible methods he had tried to please the German imperialists whose predecessors had schemed and plotted the wholesale deportation and slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Armenians (in Turkey) during the years of 1915-1918.

Dro and his "heroes" stripped of every trace of shame didn't even let alone these refugee Armenians who had barely escaped from the massacres of the first imperialist war and who had sought a haven in Northern Caucasus and were now living amicably with their Russian brothers.

They had tried to poison the whole atmosphere where these refugees were living. Opening new doors of torture and misery, they had tried to conscript "volunteers" for their adventurous conquests.

It is shamefully ridiculous that this traitor Dro, the enemy of the Armenian people, should even come out as the "ardent defender" of the Armenian church and religion. While at Pyatigorsk and Armavir, he has tried to induce the church councils to organize charitable societies to collect funds for the benefit of "Armenian prisoners, sick and wounded soldiers."

But soon his mask was ripped off. As our historian Elisha says, "His face concealed the thoughts of his mind." Cheating the credulous and the gullible he has extorted hundreds of thousands of rubles from the churches and has squandered the money for feasts and banquets, all the while leading the public astray with his malicious oratory.

He didn't even shrink from interfering with the internal and spiritual affairs of the Armenian Church thereby undermining the age-old traditions of our religious institutions.

He forcibly had a renegade Russian bishop brought over to Pyatigorsk and made him ordain priest an ordinary church clerk named Sarkis.

But with the approach of the liberating Red Army the renegade bishop quickly disappeared with the German bandits and traitor Dro, taking with him precious church utensils and vestments. The plunderers also carried away all the silverware collected for the church cross by Avadyan Soorep and Thomasyan Iskoochi, members of the church councils of Krasnodar, as well as silken and velvet vestments donated by the faithful flock.

RIGHT: Original armband, seized in Nazi warehouse in Paris, showing insignia used by Dashnag Volunteer and Legionnaires serving in Nazi Army. Armband is in colors of the Dashnag flag: Red, Blue, Orange



ROMANIA LIQUIDATES DASHNAGS

The January 14, 1945 issue of BAHAG, the Armenian newspaper published in Bucharest, Romania, carries news of the arrest and prosecution of a number of prominent Dashnag leaders in Romania and of the dissolution of all Dashnag organizations in Bulgaria.

The newspaper reports that, on December 28, 1944, 1200 members of the fascist Romanian legions (Iron Guards) were rounded up by the Romanian government. This roundup netted many notorious Dashnags.

Soviet authorities are reported to have seized the self-appointed Commander-in-Chief Nezhdeh and his adjutant in Bulgaria. Nezhdeh will be remembered as the organizer of the Tzaghageron fascist youth groups in America. This arrest was followed by the seizure of the Dashnag leaders in Bucharest upon liberation of Romania.

The notorious Dashnag General Dro, who served as "gauleiter" over the Armenian population in Northern Caucasus during the invasion and occupation of those areas by the Nazis, is reported to have fled to Germany.

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A Distorted Account of the Armenian Scene

Reviewed by AVEDIS DEROUNIAN
(John Roy Carlson)

Formerly associated with the Service Bureau for Intercultural Education.

Painful though it is for me to review this book the way I have reviewed it, I feel compelled to do so. I have long maintained silence, hoping to see the Dashnags reform. But their continued attempts to confuse the American reader with half-truths, distortions and blatant claims of being the ONLY patriotic Armenian group, authorized (by whom!) to speak for ALL Armenians is harmful to Armenian Americans as a whole. I feel it my duty as an American of Armenian origin to disclose the truth to those who have been misguided by its falsehoods.

"One America: Our Racial and National Minorities" is a 701-page volume, which in the form of a symposium by some 40 authors describes the cultural mosaic of minority folk comprising the fabric of American civilization. It is an impressive book, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 Fifth Ave., New York, selling for \$5. It has been compiled by Dr. Francis J. Brown and Dr. Joseph S. Roucek, and has an excellent bibliography.

The purpose of the book is splendid, and as a whole it ably fulfills that purpose. It is an excellent educational medium for nativists with an "Anglo-Saxon" complex and a phobia for all immigrant minorities. It provides a well-rounded education to the teacher and the student of sociology. It has sections which deal with race and cultural conflicts, and trends toward "cultural pluralism," or the integration of America's variegated cultural pattern into a harmonious whole. "One America" can play a vital constructive role in the post-war period.

Obviously in an ambitious project of this size some errors in fact or judgment may be expected. But there is no excuse for permitting its pages to be contaminated by blatant political propaganda, such as the 11-page section devoted to Armenian Americans. The author is Rouben Gavoor, a Dashnag of long standing.

Before the Tzaghagrons (Race Worshippers) changed their name to Armenian Youth Federation, they used to meet at his home. He has written extensively for *Hairenik Weekly* and serves as its Washington correspondent. He is not known to have contributed anything to any major non-Dashnag publication, nor does he bear the reputation of a scholar of intercultural or Armenian affairs. Gavoor, however, excels as a propagandist for the Armenian Revolutionary Federation.

Many Errors in Fact

There are numerous errors in fact and judgment throughout the book.

1. For instance, Azk was not "discontinued in 1922," but changed its name to Baïkar after merging with Bahag, just as the New York Telegram merged with the New York World to become the World-Telegram.

2. The *Armenian Mirror-Spectator* was not published in 1936. The *Armenian Mirror* was published in July, 1932, followed in a few months by the *Armenian Spectator*. The *Armenian Mirror-Spectator* was combined in 1939. The *Hairenik Weekly*, first issued during the murder trial of Archbishop Tourian in 1934, is the youngest publication and not the oldest as implied by Mr. Gavoor.

3. It is historically untrue to assert that Russia seized the Armenian Republic in 1920 "against the wishes and incessant opposition of the over-

whelming majority of the Armenians." The historical truth is that after years of oppression by Turks, and mismanagement of the Independent Republic by the Dashnags, including a disastrous war with Turkey, Armenians welcomed Russia to avoid annihilation.

"In his book, 'I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen,' Leon Surmelian confirms this (p. 241): 'Armenia had to choose between Soviet Russia and Kemalist Turkey, which under the circumstances was tantamount to choosing between life and death. What disturbed me was the attitude of the natives toward this sudden change in regime: they were too glad about it.'"

4. It is false to suggest that the Russians helped the Turks conquer Armenian territory. The historical truth is that the Dashnags signed a humiliating Treaty at Alexandropol in which they ceded Kars and Ardahan provinces, including Mt. Ararat to the Turks, after which the Soviets seized power salvaging whatever remained. The arrival of the Soviets prevented the swallowing of the whole of Armenia by the Turks.

Highly Prejudiced Account

From a reading of Mr. Gavoor's prejudiced account the American readers glean the impression that the only worthwhile, the only patriotic, the only beloved organization among Armenian Americans is the Dashnag. This is a grossly inaccurate portrayal of the Armenian American scene.

5. *Hairenik Monthly*, for instance, is described as "the outstanding periodical in the history of Armenian literature." This is childish and vain-glorious. *Pazmaveb* and *Handes Amsorya* with rich illustrations and magnificent historical essays far surpassed the *Monthly*.

6. Only *Hairenik Daily* is described as "one of the foremost Armenian language newspapers in this country." But no mention is made of *Hairenik* adulation of Nazi-Fascism in the September 17, 1936 issue: "Italy has not only become regenerated by Fascism, but has become an empire-nation. . . Germany has not only become regenerated by Hitlerism, but has turned her face to the East. . . Hitlerism and Fascism, which are the stepsons of Bolshevism, and begotten by it, are its gifts to mankind."

7. Only the Armenian Youth Federation (alias Tzaghagrons) and no other Armenian organization, the reader is told, emphasizes "Armenian history, literature, art education and political regeneration." Under "political regeneration" and in the interest of the whole truth, Mr. Gavoor should have quoted the following item of race worship, inculcated into the Tzaghagrons by its founder, General Nejdeh:

"I am preaching to you the Tze-

ghagron Creed, worship of the race.

. . . To me the highest act of individualism and of freedom is to follow the voice of my race. I am a Tzaghagron. That means: I know my race. I believe in my race. I worship my race. I know that my race is great; that my race has given more to humanity than it has received from it. I am a believer in my race and, behold, I worship another deity, the blood of my race, in whose unspotted purity lies the future of our people. . . The Deification of the will of the Race—that is what the Tzaghagron is fighting for."

Enter Horst von der Goltz

8. Mr. Gavoor tells of his interview with one Horst von der Goltz "who has perhaps as wide a contact with immigrant groups as any individual" and who told Mr. Gavoor "that the Armenians display a greater degree of adaptability than other late comers." Horst von der Goltz is hardly qualified to speak as an authority. Is Mr. Gavoor unaware that the Department of Justice clapped his friend in Federal Prison as a "dangerous alien"? Is Mr. Gavoor unconscious of the fact that "von der Goltz admitted at his alien enemy hearing that he had been employed by Military Attache Fritz von Papen to blow up the Welland Canal (on our Canadian border) prior to our entry into the last war and he went as far as Buffalo and had obtained dynamite for the purpose when the plot was called off by von Papen." Von der Goltz has denied "the Government's charges that he is pro-Nazi" but according to official information, he is still awaiting hearing as to whether or not he should be deported to Germany as an "undesirable alien."

At one time Horst von der Goltz was associated in an opportunistic capacity with the Folk Festival Council, but the Council severed its relations long ago. I recall Gavoor's friend from my under cover days. I recall his remarks against the Jews, and his disparagement of our Democracy. I knew of his contact with the Berlin-directed, ODWU, a Ukrainian "nationalist" organization, described by Yaroslav Chyz, an authority on Ukrainian Americans, as having a "prominently totalitarian platform." Mr. Chyz is an associate of the Common Council for American Unity and a contributor to "One America."

Evidence disclosed that the ARF leaders associated with the ODWU. A contributor to the ODWU organ, *The Nationalist*, was James Mandalian, editor of *Hairenik Weekly*. Preceded by a glowing editorial note by the ODWU editor, Mandalian's articles appeared in the March 15, Apr. 1, Apr. 15 issues, English section. And in the March 15 issue of the Ukrainian section the following appeared: "Our local 27 of the ODWU has established a close collaboration with the Armenian Nationalists who are very glad to cooperate with us. . . Recently their organ *Hairenik* published a long article concerning our immigrants in America."

Omissions and More Errors

9. The Zildjian factory for the manufacture of cymbals is not located at Salem, but in North Quincy, Mass.

10. Marie Arakian's, Gulbenkian's, Arra Avakian's and my own name are typographically misspelled.

11. Nikita Balieff was more than an actor. He was the famous producer of Chauve-Souris.

12. 13. Mr. Gavoor has given passing mention to one of our greatest living painters, Sarkis Katchadourian, and he has omitted mention of prominent sculptors John Hovhannes and Agop Agopoff, well known for his bust of Will Rogers.

14. Another evidence of Mr. Gavoor's careless scholarship is evidenced in his footnote regarding Dr. A.O. Sarsian's essay, "Why Nationalism?" No periodical is given and no date. The reader is left completely in the dark as to when or where this Dashnag writer, employed in the Congressional Library, published his essay.

15. Mr. Gavoor describes the Armenian Relief Corps as "sister organization of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation." This is denied by Mr. Mandalian, Editor of *Hairenik Weekly*, who asserted recently that it had no connection with the ARF. It should also be stated in the interest of the whole truth that the Corps is under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for using without permission from the American Red Cross, the phrase "Armenian R. Cross" (in Armenian) in the solicitation of funds.

Inconsistent and Unfair

If one compares "One America" with Gavoor's statements in the 1937 edition of the same book, Mr. Gavoor's scholarship suffers tragically.

16. We were told in the 1937 edition that "the Armenians throughout the world number approximately 4,000,000." In "One America" we are told it's really 3,000,000—an amazing drop of one million Armenians! At this rate, in 24 years there will be an Armenian history, but historians will speak of the "vanishing Armenians."

17. In 1937, Mr. Gavoor set the number of Armenians in this country at 120,000. But in 1945 the figure jumps to 150,000. It is an amazing performance of fecundity; but untrue.

18. In 1937, the Armenian General Benevolent Union was painted in the blackest colors and falsely charged (which was then the A.R.F. line) of having "meddled with different political affairs." In 1945, however, Mr. Gavoor in conformity with the Dashnag policy of conciliation, sees merit in the AGBU.

19. In 1937 Gavoor wrote: "Armenia gained her independence in 1918 under the leadership of the Dashnag Party, with its own party members, including thousands of volunteers outside the party. Simultaneously they fought for the independence of Armenia." That is historically true. But in his 1945 version Mr. Gavoor distorts history by ascribing Armenia's independence as due solely to the "leadership" of the A.R.F. It is one of many instances of reckless license with historical truths.

20. In 1937 we read nothing about the *Hairenik* publications being the "foremost" or "most outstanding."

21. It's inconceivable but true that in 1937 Mr. Gavoor entirely omitted the inclusion of such top-notch Americans of Armenian origin as Rouben Mamoulian, Hovsep Pushman, Armand Tokatyan, Mugurdich Garo the photographer, and even our William Saroyan. This is additional evidence of Mr. Gavoor's careless work.

Politician

It is difficult to understand why the editors of "One America" selected a man of dubious scholarship for the delicate role of writing a piece on the Armenian cultural contributions. Experience shows that a politician is incapable of writing objectively on a cultural theme without contaminating it with politics.

The argument that "you cannot avoid politics" when writing about Armenians does not hold water because Yaroslav Chyz and Dr. Joseph Roucek, together writing on politically infested Ukrainian Americans, have kept political episodes to an absolute minimum, and entirely omitted mention of the notorious ODWU. It is a tragic error to assign a Dashnag to this role, because no Dashnag writer can keep politics out of his writing. Nothing could be more unfair, nor less desirable for Armenian Americans as a whole.

The *Armenian Mirror-Spectator* last week published the shameful story of collaboration of a number of prominent Dashnag leaders with the Nazis and their appeals to Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi Minister of the Eastern Occupied Areas, to serve as puppet-Quislings when Germany conquered the Caucasus. Among them was General Nejdeh, founder of the Tzaghagrons. And this week, photographs were released showing Nazi chiefs posing with members of the Quisling delegation of Rosenberg. Prominent in the photographs is the face of General Dro, long a hero of Dashnags everywhere.

Armenians I've spoken to are embittered at Mr. Gavoor's work. Instead of unity, they believe he has incited greater disunity. He has taken advantage of the editors and the publisher by representing himself as the spokesman of a "patriotic" organization (the largest, the "foremost", "most outstanding", etc.

Dashnags are a political minority cordially hated by the overwhelming majority of Armenian Americans and they still employ priests de-rocked by the Holy See for engaging in irreligious activity. Dashnags take no part in the elections of the Holy See, and they are ostracized from participating in Church council affairs in this country.

Breeding Disunity

We know that Drs. Brown and Roucek, and the publishers had no intention to permit the use of "One America" as a political medium for the A.R.F. We know that the use of such a noble work for such ignoble ends would defeat its purpose.

By injecting political issues in a cultural work, Mr. Gavoor has detracted from the effectiveness of "One America." The editors and publishers are no less the victims than the Armenian Americans. Mr. Gavoor's article inevitably conveys to the reader a distorted and one-sided picture of the American Armenian scene. That, obviously, is the last intention of the editors.

We respectfully suggest that they take immediate steps to stop the circulation of these distortions, and to obtain for other editions of their work, a competent, non-political Armenian American scholar of this generation, one who has an American rather than an Old World outlook, and shares the respect and trust of his fellow Armenian Americans.

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Hatriots Canonize Patton, Call Him Anti-Semitic

Unless George S. Patton wants to be identified with alleged seditionists and pro-Fascists, it's time he repudiated his following.

The hatriots, ranging from the allegedly seditious Elizabeth Dilling and Court Asher to the "respectable" John O'Donnell who writes a syndicated column for a dozen large newspapers, are canonizing the general. His is anti-Semitic, they say.

Frederick Kister, chiming in too, said he sent a cable to Patton offering him commandship of Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian War Veterans.

Mrs. Dilling was the first to claim that Patton's ideology is akin to her own. A "Chicago boy, recently returned from service abroad," she reported, credited the general with believing the Jews were evading overseas service and were staying "at home with the girls."

Court Asher reprinted Mrs. Dilling's story in his newspaper, X-Ray, and added that Patton "is a great general, a loyal American."

O'Donnell's column recently intimated strongly that a "Jewish conspiracy" brought about Patton's transfer from his command in the eastern half of the American occupation zone in Germany. The American soldier whom Patton slapped, according to O'Donnell, is a Jew,* and Patton denounced him as such. The columnist went on to say that Morgenthau and Frankfurter "bellowed in the White House" and that David K. Niles and Sidney Hillman joined in the "successful drive to disgrace and remove Gen. George S. Patton from his Army command." All of this, O'Donnell said, shows "the secret and astoundingly effective might of this republic's foreign-born political leaders." ("Foreign-born" is a euphemism often employed by "respectables" as a synonym for Jews.)

* The soldier is Charles Herman Kuhl. His family are of German extraction and belong to the First Nazarene Church of Mishawaka, Indiana.



Despite reports to the contrary, ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds announces that his Nationalist Party will continue to function. Reynolds, advance publicity stated, was sought as a speaker for the New York Christian Front rally, which culminated in the arrest of Homer Maertz, Kurt Mertig, and Ernest F. Elmhurst, but the ex-Senator did not appear.

CHICAGO SEETHES

Chicago is bustling with activity as the anti-democratic groups line up their postwar programs.

A string of Chicago's anti-democratic leaders have formed a "Central Committee," which is steering the pro-Fascist, anti-Semitic movement into new paths of unity. The new unity already has brought together on one speakers' platform an all-star cast including the alleged seditionists Elizabeth Dilling and Donald McDaniel; the Gerald L. K. Smith henchmen, Frederick Kister and George Vose; the outstanding "mothers" leader, Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hyning; and the veteran anti-Semite, Stanley Bligh.

Earl Southard, who reportedly has split with William J. Grace's Citizens U.S.A. Committee, has set up the Committee for American Independence. Gerald L. K. Smith's Postwar Recovery Commission is holding forth in Chicago. Homer Maertz came to New York early this month to help the reviving Christian Front. When he returns to Chicago, he promises, "things will really get organized."

FRONTERS ARRESTED

Homer Maertz, ex-Silver Shirts from Chicago; Kurt Mertig, friend of the German American Bund; and Ernest F. Elmhurst, alleged seditionist were arrested this month following a Christian Front rally in Queens, New York City (see page 2). These three, who addressed the meeting, were held on charges of "unlawful assembly" because literature distributed by the Fronters might "cause a breach of peace." The case will be brought up in Special Sessions Court, Queens, at an early date.

REYNOLDS STILL ACTIVE

Ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds announced this month that his Nationalist Party will continue to be active even though the *National Record*, the Party's official organ, will no longer appear. The demise of the paper, along with reports that Nationalist Party solicitors had been fired and that some Party leaders were resigning, caused rumors that Reynolds' Party was closing up shop. Reynolds denied the rumors, and announced that a "national weekly" will be the "next official organ" of his movement.

O'KONSKI COOPERATES

Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisconsin is cooperating merrily with the pro-Fascist We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America. He is offering them copies, in quantity lots, of his speech, "What Every American Should Know."

NYE, FISH JOIN HATELERS

Ex-Senator Gerald P. Nye and Mrs. Hamilton Fish (wife of the ex-Congressman) have joined blatant pro-Fascists and anti-Semites as board members of the American Justice for Tyler Kent Committee. On the board with Nye and Mrs. Fish are, among others: Carl Mote, anti-Semitic utilities executive and henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith; Arthur Terminiello, the Coughlinite from Anniston, Alabama; Maude S. Deland, who belonged to the Friends of the New Germany, forerunner of the German American Bund; ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds.

A REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN FRONT

The Christian Front, which spread Hitler-like terror through America's great cities from 1938 until Pearl Harbor, is back in business. It fired the opening salute of its postwar campaign Saturday night, October 6, at a street corner rally in Queens, New York.

In the old days Christian Front rowdies praised Hitler and screamed for Jewish blood. Their street corner meetings inspired vandals, leaving swastikas and obscene slogans in their wake; to break into Jewish homes and Synagogues. German Americans, who later were deported, worked with the Fronters and exhorted their followers to do likewise.

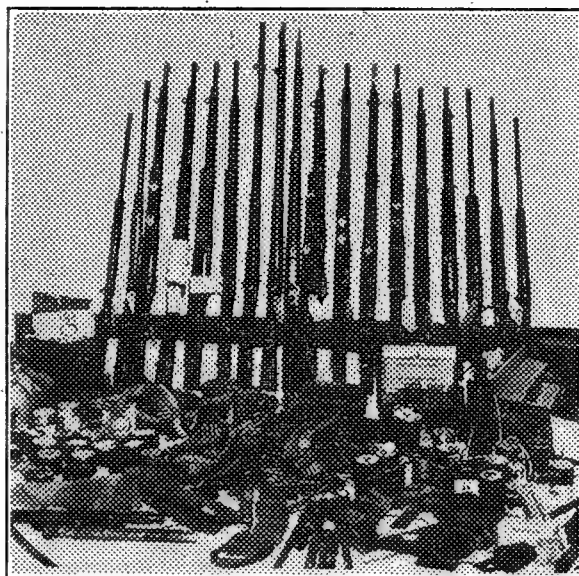
Indications are that the revived group will follow the same pattern. Its backers include Elizabeth Dilling, whom the Department of Justice charges with conspiring with the Nazis; Ainslee E. Horney, the veteran anti-Semite; C. Daniel Kurts, who specialized in cooperating with German American Bundists and in denouncing the late President Roosevelt as a "Jew," a "Yellow Asiatic Mongolian Communist."

The Christian Front first was organized in the latter part of 1938, when the Reverend Charles E. Coughlin urged his followers to form "platoons." Each "platoon" was to have twenty-five members; and, as each member became thoroughly indoctrinated with Coughlinite principles, he was to organize another "platoon."

The system worked beautifully. By the fall of 1939, there were Christian Front units in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, and numerous other cities. In Greater New York alone, the Front had about 12,000 active members who staged forty to fifty street meetings weekly. Many of these resulted in anti-Semitic riots and brawls. The New York police blotter showed the "criminal prosecutions arising out of racial meetings and sales of racial literature in New York City" numbered 233 in 1939.

Joe McWilliams, who used to yell "I'm 100 per cent for Hitler" was distinguished in Christian Front circles by the police records of his following. His storm-trooper unit and speakers and hangers-on at his meetings included men who had served time for burglary and rape, who pled guilty to the charge of procuring, who went to jail for brandishing a knife.

Like Hitler's Brownshirts, the Fronters ostensibly were fighting the "Jews" and Communists; actually they were pinning the "Communitic-Jew" label on everyone disagreeing with their Nazi-like philosophy. All labor organizations, all "in-



This is a collection of arms, ammunition, and home-made bombs seized by the F.B.I. when G-men raided the homes of New York Christian Fronters in January, 1940.

ternationalists," all Britain-lovers, all persons who were even mildly liberal were lumped together by the Christian Fronters and labeled "Communist." Then, to the Fronters, all Jews were Communists, and vice-versa. Consequently, these crusaders against the "rising tide of Communism" were unable to distinguish between Joseph Stalin and Wendell Willkie; they denounced the Episcopalian Franklin Roosevelt and the Presbyterian Leon Henderson as "Jews."

Like the Brownshirts, too, the Christian Front collected guns. Membership blanks requested applicants to list their military experience, and Fronters shouted for a private army to "save America."

Early in 1940, seventeen New York Christian Fronters were arrested on charges of "conspiracy to overthrow, put down and destroy" the United States government. F.B.I. men, raiding Christian Front homes, seized arms, ammunition, and home-made bombs. The jury acquitted the Fronters, but William Gerald Bishop, one of the seventeen, later was interned on Ellis Island as a dangerous enemy alien.

Sparkplug of the Christian Front, 1945 version, is C. Daniel Kurts, whose real name is Casimir Kudelski. As late as September 26, 1941, Kurts ran a Christian Front street meeting in Queens. His speakers included: (1) John C. Fitting, big-shot of the German American Bund's Camp Nordland. Fitting recently was denaturalized and ordered deported along with the Bund *Fuehrer*, Fritz Kuhn. (2) Edward James Smythe, the alleged seditionist who was notorious for lauding Hitler and denouncing Jews and Catholics. (3) Kurt Mertig, chairman of the Citizens' Protective League. Before the war Mertig worked for the German-American Line and cooperated

happily with the Bund. Recently he has been trying to stay the deportation of Nazified German Americans.

Anti-Semitism at the meeting was so violent that Kurts was arrested and sent to the Kings County Hospital for a sanity test. He was judged sane, and Magistrate Joseph De Andrea sentenced Kurts to thirty days in jail.

Public announcements of Kurts' Christian Front rally for October 6, 1945, were reminiscent of pre-war days. According to advance publicity, Kurts hoped his speakers would include: (1) Ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, leader of the Nationalist Party who for the last six years has cooperated with the pro-Fascist movement. (2) Catherine Brown of the National Blue Star Mothers of America, which formerly was called the Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania. These "mothers" were named by the Department of Justice as helping to spread allegedly seditious propaganda.

Reynolds did not appear, but Mrs. Brown did. Kurts chaired the meeting, and the speakers, besides Mrs. Brown and Kurts, included: Homer Maertz, ex-Silver Shirts from Chicago; Kurt Mertig, who addressed Kurts' Christian Front meeting back in September, 1941; Ernest F. Elmhurst, the alleged seditionist; and Frederick Kister, organizer for Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian War Veterans. Eugene Flitcraft of Chicago's Gentile Cooperative Association was at the Christian Front rally with Kister.

Backers of the October 6 meeting included: (1) National Blue Star Mothers of America, Catherine Brown's group. (2) The America First Party and the Christian War Veterans, both of which are run by the Detroit anti-Semite, Gerald L. K. Smith. Thomas Dewey has characterized Smith as "Hitler-like." (3) The Patriotic Research Bureau, which is run by the allegedly seditious Elizabeth Dilling. (4) The Hoosier Press, headed by the anti-Semitic pamphleteer, Ainslee E. Horney. Horney recently was investigated by the Illinois state legislature.

The Christian Fronters obviously plan to capitalize on the maladjustments which will inevitably arise as the nation reconverts from a wartime to a peacetime nation. Whether the Christian Front can take over the city street corners now as they did during the late 1930's depends upon how thoroughly the Front and its record are exposed and opposed. The Fronters cannot get a strong hold on any community in which enlightened groups expose their background and sponsor rival rallies. But in neighborhoods where it is unopposed, the Christian Front will flourish.

A REPORT ON BOSTON

Boston, a hotbed of isolationist and Coughlinite activity before Pearl Harbor, is seething with postwar "anti" propagandas. Coughlinites and anti-Semites hold public office; meetings are held endlessly; pressure is brought to bear against a fair employment practices law; a dash of anti-Catholicism has been added.

In the heyday of the Christian Front, Boston was a Coughlinite stronghold. Staunch Coughlin followers, such as Francis Moran and William Gallagher, held rallies and benefits and birthday balls in honor of Coughlin. *Social Justice* vendors hawked their wares from city street corners. Anti-Semitic violence broke out, and vandalism became almost commonplace. Moran's activities were as blatant as those of the Goebbels-parroting Coughlin himself. This Boston Christian Fronter staged showings of the Nazi-produced film, "Sieg im Westen." When the America First Committee became active in 1941, it found Boston a fertile field. Speaker after speaker appeared on A.F.C. platforms there, and Coughlinite audiences applauded wildly.

The war quieted the Coughlinites, but it didn't put them out of business. *Save America Now*, Boston successor to *Social Justice*, dedicated an issue to Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's representative in the East. A core of about 500 Christian Fronters remained active—yammering for Coughlinite speakers like Edward Lodge Curran.

Moran, who served for a while in the Army, now has been released. Although he says he does not intend to revive his organization, chances are that he will be back in the movement. Moran has made promises of "reform" before.

Meanwhile David I. Walsh, the die-hard isolationist, still represents Massachusetts in the United States Senate. Local Coughlinites, like Florence Birmingham and her Women's Political Club, recently showed their admiration for the Senator by feteing him at a tea. Friends of the Christian Front, such as Henry Moynihan of Winthrop, Massachusetts, showed up; and the political remarks were devoted to moaning over the fate of Poland, Lithuania, and Ireland, scoring peacetime military conscription, and declaring that America's "internationalists" were responsible for the war.

Michael J. Ward, candidate for reelection to the School Committee, once distributed William Dudley Pelley's *Silver Shirt* publications. More recently he obstructed a measure which would have introduced an intercultural education program in the schools. Charles S. O'Connor, clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, is an Irish nationalist and isolationist.

CHRISTIANS

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Control and Infest Your Communities

From their early settlement days to the present time, the communities of Roxbury and Dorchester have been closely related geographically, as well as in their business enterprises, their Christian inhabitants, and have always been noted for their scenic beauty and cultural activities. Roxbury was first settled by a group of Pilgrims who arrived on the "Arbella" from Dorchester, England, and named the settlement "Rocksbury" or "Rocksborough." On October 8, 1630, it was recognized as a "town" by the Court of Assistants. Dorchester, on the other hand, was first settled by a small group of Puritans who first arrived at Nantasket on June 11, 1630, and soon thereafter migrated to such place. In 1634, Dorchester was the largest town in New England and retained its independence until June 22, 1669, when it was annexed to the City of Boston. Both communities flourished in Christianity and beauty and thrived and prospered by their honest dealings in farm and mill products. In 1632 the first church was built in Roxbury and in 1643 the first free school was established. Dorchester likewise followed Puritanism and education. During the revolutionary period each community scarcely had 2000 inhabitants, a little over 200 dwellings, 8 meeting houses and five schools. By 1800, Roxbury still had about 2700 inhabitants which grew to 4135 in 1820 and to 5237 in 1830. Dorchester, during the same period, had about 4000 in 1780, which grew to 8340 in 1855 and to

Thousands of these anti-Semitic leaflets, inspired by the Christian Front, flooded Boston during war time. Roxbury and Dorchester are sections of Boston.

William Gallagher, the Coughlinite, recently referred to O'Connor as "my best friend, distinguished Catholic, and Boston Christian." Thomas Dorgan, clerk of the Superior Court, constantly has defended Irish neutrality. Recently he presented to the legislature bills proposing that Massachusetts ask the United States to bring Eire into the United Nations conference.

Coughlinites are particularly active in opposing a fair employment practices law in Massachusetts. Mrs. Mary Knight, who follows the Coughlinite anti-Semitic, anti-Russian line, testified against the fair employment bill at the committee hearings. So did her friend, Mrs. Ralph H. Burton. Both the women used the anti-Semitic technique in their testimony.

Meetings are being held indefatigably in Boston. William Gallagher recently presided at a meeting honoring the Reverend Arthur W. Terminiello of Anniston, Alabama. Terminiello, who repeatedly praises Coughlin, openly opposed the war even while we were fighting it. Thomas Niland, ex-politician, is now associated with the New Thought Forum, a strutting ground for the local pro-Fascists, anti-Semites, anti-Catholics, and Coughlinites. The forum meets each Sunday, and regularly draws an audience of about fifty or more persons. Mrs. George Wilkins of Brookline runs the Women's Committee for United Ac-

tion. Mrs. Wilkins, with Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Burton as well as with her regular followers, stormed to the Governor's office to "demand" more meat. These women were particularly active last spring in a local anti-OPA campaign. Marie Ballem, Christian Fronter, is active as secretary of the Citizens' Constitutional Committee. Mrs. Margaret P. Welch, social registerite, America Firster, apologist for Hitler in 1933, and defender of the Christian Front, has been active recently in an innocuous city street cleanup committee. Prior to that, however, she addressed a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation at which she denounced the "international financiers." Morgenthau and Rothschild were "international financiers," she said, and added: "I don't want you to think all financiers are Jews. ... But we must remember it is just a few financiers who have control of money and power."

Anti-Catholicism is seeping into the pores of Boston, too. The Meador Publishing Company has released L. F. Schrader's anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic book, *Exposé of Religious Fraud*. The Youth for Christ movement in New England began under the guidance and sponsorship of the Reverend Harold J. Ockenga, anti-Catholic pastor of the Park Street Church. Ockenga made national news when he stated at a Chicago evangelist convention that Catholicism was trying to take over America. The Youth for Christ movement received the blessings of the Boston Hearst press. Nationally it has sometimes been called anti-Semitic—with Gerald L. K. Smith reported interested in it.

Despite the destructive forces tearing at Boston, the city still is able to marshal strong opposition. Its outstanding prelate, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, has time and again been on the side of justice and democracy for all—regardless of race, creed, or color. The Governor's Committee for Racial and Religious Unity has promoted a civic program for better community relations and was instrumental in preparing courses given Boston police for use in handling racial tensions and averting riots. The Frances Sweeney Committee consistently has fought all forms of bigotry and has sought to promote better community understanding. Boston's neighbor, Cambridge, has adapted the city manager type of government and has instituted programs to promote better community relations.

Postwar Boston bids fair to be a battleground between these opposing forces.

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News Flashes

EDWARD A. RUMELY'S contempt case ended in a hung jury. Joe Kamp handed notes to Rumely during the proceeding.

JOSEPH LEE, who has been associated with the Coughlin-tinged American Democratic National Committee, is running for mayor of Boston.

UPTON CLOSE is making Elizabeth Dilling happy these days. Mrs. Dilling thinks Close at long last is being convinced that Communism and Judaism are synonymous. Close's attitude toward Jews is getting to be perilously similar to that of Mrs. Dilling. Recently he talked of "the brazen program of our Communist conspirators to make the Jewish community their gestapo and dagger men."

WESTBROOK PEGLER, the syndicate which publishes his column, and one of the papers in which his column appears are being sued for \$12,000,000 by the International Latex Corporation of Dover, Delaware. The Corporation held that it was libeled by Pegler's article entitled, "Communists Go 'Big Business' to Trick U. S."

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG sent Congressmen an expensive pamphlet "proving" that the Jews were responsible for the war, etc., etc. Armstrong, the *Texas Citizen*, says, was connected with the Texas Regulars.

SENATOR LANGER and Congressman Rankin are getting chummy with Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hyning, leader of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America.

JOSEPH P. KAMP approves of Mrs. Van Hyning, too. He wants her to help him with his new book on "Communism."

THE SHOP on East 86th Street, New York City, which sells C. Leon de Aran's *Broom*, is branching out. Now it sells yellow pencils inscribed "Jew Money and Jew Deal and New Deal mean war." It also distributes the *Dispatch* by Homer Maertz and T. W. Hughes' notorious book, *Forty Years of Roosevelt*.

ALBERT DILLING, Elizabeth Dilling's husband, is acting as lawyer for Frederick Kister in the latter's libel suits against the *Jewish Sentinel* and the *Chicago Sun*.

JOHN T. FLYNN'S opinions about Pearl Harbor are getting around. One of his articles on that subject is being sold in pamphlet form by Elizabeth Dilling — 25 cents a copy; five for \$1.

FREDERICK KISTER, Gerald L. K. Smith says, knows Charles Lindbergh.

MAXIMILIAN ST. GEORGE, Joe McWilliams' lawyer at the sedition trial, has just finished a book on the sedition trial. Gerald L. K. Smith says it will be

WALTER MAIER DEFENDED

The Reverend Walter A. Maier, who conducts the Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, is being defended staunchly in pro-Fascist circles. Gerald L. K. Smith and the alleged seditionists Elizabeth Dilling, Gerald Winrod, C. Leon de Aryan, and Court Asher have come to his defense.

The PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT of July 15 carried a full-page report on Maier. It told of Maier's connection with Gerald L. K. Smith and showed how the Lutheran minister has followed the "anti" propaganda line for the last five years.

Smith, in his *Cross and the Flag*, screamed: "Smear! Smear! Smear! Smear!" He called Maier "one of the great preachers of the world," and later, in boasting that he had dined with the minister, referred to Maier as a "persecuted Christian American."

Mrs. Dilling issued a special, 18-page supplement to her monthly bulletin denouncing the BATTLEFRONT and Friends of Democracy. Gerald Winrod sent a special mimeographed letter to his mailing list denouncing Friends of Democracy and praising Maier's "great messages." C. Leon de Aryan defended Maier as "the world's most famous Lutheran preacher." Court Asher, in his newspaper *X-Ray*, declared that "pro-Communist Jews and the so-called Friends of Democracy" were about to have Maier banned from the air. Asher called for a "courageous campaign of resistance by organized Lutherandom."

It is significant that Maier's defense is coming from Smith and the alleged seditionists, rather than from reputable religious groups.

a "handbook for all nationalists."

THE REVEREND EDWARD J. BROPHY conferred with Gerald L. K. Smith when the latter was in New York.

ARTHUR W. FRIEDE is seeking a new charter for his Gentile League in Watertown, Wisconsin. Meanwhile the league is advertising for members in *Women's Voice*.

EUGENE FLITCRAFT says his Gentile Cooperative Association is beginning a Gentile Veterans Service, which will cooperate closely with Frederick Kister and George Vose.

HENRY KLEIN is dealing with Gerald L. K. Smith via Colonel Eugene Nelson Sanctuary.

ONE NATION, by Wallace Stegner and the editors of *Look* magazine, is a book of text and pictures showing the problems of minorities in America. Dedicated to the proposition that all Americans should have "something like equal opportunities regardless of race, creed, or color," the book is well worth reading. It was published by Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, and sells for \$3.75.

EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

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INTERRUPTED VOYAGE

By L. M. BIRKHEAD

National Director, Friends of Democracy

"Homer Maertz' arrest interrupted his plans for touring the Atlantic Coast and the Southeast." That is the verdict of under cover workers who had an inside track to the notorious Jew-baiter's schemes. It was Maertz' plan to pick up whatever local Fascist talent he could to spearhead the "revival" of nationalist feeling among those who had quit activity during the war.

While he pandered to the East and Southeast, co-worker Gerald L. K. Smith was scheduled to work the southwestern and western circuit. Smith is on his way, but Maertz' fanatic Jew-baiting landed him in jail on a charge of threatening "breach of peace."

Maertz' backers knew his fanatical character. They were aware that his extreme anti-Semitism eventually would bring him into conflict with the law, as it had in Chicago. They were counting on that — but not so soon. They were hoping for some such fracas — but not so soon. Only a wild, slugging, native Fascist orator could arrest public attention, provoke the press into giving him columns of publicity and awaken the nationalist spark among the timid.

Maertz' instructions were to gather round him the so-called "lunatic fringe," aware that only this element would be willing to buck the law, unflinchingly face public ridicule and the determined opposition of democratic groups.

This explains the presence of, such obvious pro-Nazis as Kurt Mertig and Ernest Elmhurst, and such diehard Coughlinites as Daniel Kurts and Mrs. John Brown. These are the psychological "stormtroopers," the ground breakers and publicity-mongers. Their job is to arouse interest in, as well as sympathy for, the nationalist cause by provoking arrest, by howling "persecution," and denial of freedom of speech.

Gerald L. K. Smith is free. Silver Shirter No. 3223 is California bound. Homer Maertz, also a former lieutenant of Pelley's Silver Shirts, is out on bail at this writing. We should like to think his voyage East has failed. But at best it has only been interrupted. Fascism is an idea which cannot be stopped by legislative means alone. A positive, militant, aroused, public indignation is its most effective antidote.

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IT *Can* HAPPEN HERE!

Now that the restraints of war are being relaxed, the propaganda battle is on with increased fury. Not even the atomic bomb has destroyed the hate-mongering, rumor-mongering, and babbling of the "anti"-propagandists.

The techniques of propaganda have been mastered in recent years, as never before, by all sorts of anti-democratic groups. These techniques will now be utilized to the limit. The anti-democratic propagandists are muddying the waters in this post-war period. They will make it difficult to settle pressing political, economic and international problems by democratic procedure. The tempo of the "anti"-propaganda is increasing rapidly. The meetings of the "anti"-propaganda groups are being resumed.

Every tension is being exploited: the fight over the peace, unemployment, demobilization, the conflicts between the majority and minorities — all are agitated by demagogues.

Here are the major items in the post-war "anti"-propaganda line:

Extreme Nationalism: Such slogans as "Asia for the Asiatics" and "America for the Americans" will characterize the super-super nationalism of this post-war period.

Disillusionment with the War:

(A) *The Chicago Tribune*, August 4, 1945, made the following astounding declaration: "It was a mistake for Truman to go to Potsdam. The greater mistake was for America to have gone into Europe's war. The futility of that pilgrimage is now made complete."

(B) We were tricked into war by Roosevelt, Churchill and the Jews, the obstructionist newspapers tell us. The war was a crime, according to the *Gaelic-American*.

Disillusionment with the Peace: According to the "anti"-propagandists the San Francisco Charter is a fraud and a phony. The Big Three Conference at Potsdam was a sell-out to Russia. (*The Chicago Tribune*, August 6, 1945.) It is impossible to have any kind of decent peace with such unscrupulous nations as England, Russia and China, so say the "anti"-propagandists.

Try the Real War Criminals: Part of the effort to defeat the peace is the opposition which has developed against any trial of German or Japanese war criminals. *The Chicago Tribune* suggests that the *real war criminals* should be tried: significantly these are not German, Italian or Japanese, they are Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin (September 5, 1945).

"Anti" All of Our Allies: We fought this war to save the British Empire and to make Russia the most powerful nation in the world — this is the theme of the obstructionist newspapers, the subversive groups and the isolationist-nationalist bloc in Congress. As one of these papers recently expressed it, "We have found the hammer and sickle more oppressive than the swastika." In other words, didn't the wrong side win this war?

Anti-Minorities: The Jews, Negroes and aliens are the cause of all our trouble, so say the obstructionist groups and publications. All the old human prejudices, which the Hitlerites have flaunted for the past 15 years, are now being exploited afresh by the "anti"-propagandists — anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism, anti-Catholicism, anti-Russia and all the rest of the anti-attitudes.

It is no exaggeration to say that the publications of the "anti"-propaganda and subversive forces reach 25 million people every month. ~~The ideological battle for the mind of America is under way. It is truer today than ever before that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."~~

The post-war period is bringing us greater problems than the war. The unifying force of our war effort will be gone. The greatest danger under these disturbed conditions is that several powerful rabble-rousers may roll all their followers like a snowball into one overwhelming national movement.

To meet this post-war emergency, Friends of Democracy has planned a greatly expanded program which should be put into action immediately. The rising tide of the "anti"-propaganda, which threatens the security of your job, your home and your country, must be held within safe limits. This program includes *Research* and *Action*.

Friends of Democracy's *research* consists in constant accumulation and study of data on subversive or questionable organizations and individuals, now numbering more than 800. Its research files are very extensive.

Friends of Democracy's *action* includes publication of well documented and illustrated material exposing the background of subversive leaders, analyzing their purposes, revealing their association with persons of known pro-fascist character and often showing close similarity between their public statements and the Axis propaganda line.

Immediate objectives which Friends of Democracy intends to carry out:

1. To discover professional rabble-rousers and hate-mongers, expose them and pursue them relentlessly; and particularly to include all of them who are of any importance, rather than only the worst ones;
2. To prevent attempts which will be made to exploit and stampede returning service men on racial, religious, economic and nationalistic grounds;
3. To organize and maintain continuing campaigns against the obstructionist and poison press, including not only small rabble-rousing sheets but also important metropolitan dailies when their editorial policies become excessively intolerant and divisive;
4. To direct public condemnation against persons or organizations when they arouse racial, religious or class hatred on any pretext;
5. To work with, and supply material to, civic, educational, industrial, labor and other organizations in teaching members or employees to be on guard against subversive and disruptive activities;
6. To prevent exploitation, for disruptive and propaganda purposes, of strife between labor and management;
7. To prevent expansion of pacifist and super-isolationist "mother" groups, which invariably blame the war on the "international bankers" and continually agitate against any form of international cooperation or national military protection;
8. To expand the present information service and reference activities of Friends of Democracy so that they can be utilized by larger numbers of educators and writers and the general public;
9. To obtain wider recognition for Friends of Democracy so that the general public, as well as persons in the pro-democracy field, will know it as an authoritative body whose statements carry weight against intolerance and un-Americanism.

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DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE WAR

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6 ★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1945

THE RED STAR RISES

Nobody won but Russia at Potsdam. Russian hegemony is confirmed over half of Europe. Soviet prestige is enormously enhanced by the concessions made by its partners in victory.

Potsdam makes it clear why the united nations charter was rushed thru the senate, so that the United States would be committed to the new world order in advance of the reshaping of Europe. The military forces we are

is neutralized. It is for this kind of world that our people made enormous sacrifices.

It was a mistake for President Truman to go to Potsdam. The greater mistake was for America to have gone into Europe's war. The futility of that pilgrimage has now been made complete.

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8 ★ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, 1945

SPEAKING OF WAR CRIMINALS—

It might be well if Mr. Justice Jackson, busily engaged with his united nations associates in writing a streamlined lynch law with which to condemn German leaders as war criminals, would look over his shoulder and see what is happening at home.

The allied war crimes commission was not content to arraign the nazi leaders and make them answer for the murder and the bestiality which violated the laws of every land of Europe, including Germany. They are to be tried under an ex post facto law which makes it a crime to plunge the world into war.

Very well. As the truth about Pearl Harbor begins to materialize it is shown that President Roosevelt and at least three members of his cabinet, Secretaries Stimson, Knox, and Hull, knew a day in advance that the Japanese were going to declare war on the United States. The

r. They did nothing to warn American military and naval leaders or to prevent that attack from succeeding.

Mr. Churchill told parliament in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor that America's entry into the war was what he had worked for and hoped for for many months. Leaving aside the genuine crime of which Von Ribbentrop and Von Papen may be guilty, what difference would there be, under Mr. Jackson's theory that any one who starts a war is guilty of a crime, between the two nazi diplomats and Mr. Churchill and Ambassador Halifax?

And while Mr. Jackson is looking for war criminals what, if anything, does his commission intend to do about Stalin, who gave Hitler the go-ahead signal in 1939 and shared with him the loot of Poland?

Mr. Jackson should be more careful how he points that gun

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR

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A ROOSEVELT DISASTER —'Commander In Chief' Responsible For Pearl Harbor Catastrophe on Dec. 7

**CAPITOL
STUFF** 
N.Y. DAILY NEWS

By JOHN O'DONNELL

Washington, D.C., Aug. 30.—This story of Pearl Harbor—of which much remains to be told—reveals today that the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (No. 1 public enemy of the United States in that horrible and shocking disaster) double-crossed even his White House successor Harry Tru-

Rep. Rich, Pennsylvania
Cong. Rec. 9-5-45 - p.8468

"It was Roosevelt, as we know, who was responsible for Pearl Harbor....For the good or the evil that will come out of this war - and it may take some years to assess these factors - Roosevelt, in our opinion, planned and sent us into the war...."

ANTI-UNITED NATIONS

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10 ★ THURSDAY, AUG. 30, 1945

What, it may be inquired, is all this united nations claptrap about? Is it the rest of the world united to live at the expense of America and American citizens? It is time that our young men be allowed to go back to education so that we can have doctors, lawyers, engineers, and scientists 15 years from now. The way we are heading we will be a nation of ignoramuses, equally unable to conduct our economy or to fight an intelligent war if we are called upon to do so.

DAILY NEWS

Monday, July 16, 1945

WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES

The United Nations Charter is much under discussion throughout most of the world just now.

It purports to be a device whereby the various nations can agree on ways and means of keeping peace eternal, this peace to be superintended by the so-called Big Five—Britain,

**The
KINGDOM
DIGEST**

SEPTEMBER, 1945

World War No. 1 was waged to make the world safe for democracy, and did so very largely.

World War No. 2 has made possible the vast extension of Bolshevism.

No American, then, can sanely oppose the Russian theft of Europe and denounce England for blocking this menace to all democratic nations, including the United States.

ANTI-INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

July 26, 1945 WOMEN'S VOICE

HAS OUR CONGRESS BETRAYED US?

The Congress has been called a rubber stamp, but it seems to be something worse than that.

The House gave President Truman another major victory in foreign policy, approving the Bretton Woods monetary agreements by a heavy majority, 345 to 18.

Is it possible that the great Congress has turned traitor to its country? Is it possible that Congress with the exception of only 18 loyal Americans, has been bought and paid for by the international financial octopus, with its limitless billions of check book fountain pen money? Surely no man would betray his country without a price! Or is it possible that these men, the people's legislators, are ignorant of the dire consequences of this Bretton Woods conspiracy; ignorant of the crafty, diabolical manipulation of money of these alien internationalists brigands? But even such ignorance is inexcusable. One of their

Sen. Langer, North Dakota.
Cong. Rec. 7-28-45 - p. A 3947

Mr. Langer inserts testimony of John T. Flynn, Carl H. Mote, Mrs. Florence Cafferatta.

Mr. Mote: "I am appearing before your committee in opposition to the San Francisco Charter at the suggestion of and in cooperation with Gerald L. K. Smith. I represent and speak for the following organizations:

National Farmers Guild; America First Party; Nationalist Veterans of World War II...

"...It (the charter) invites us to take on the war hazards of the two most warlike nations in the world—Britain and Soviet Russia. An evil so heinous can be publicly proposed only because our country has suffered a total moral debacle—a total obliteration of all normal moral sensibilities and moral perspective."

Rep. Sumner, Illinois
Cong. Rec. 6-5-45 - p. 5639

"...This swindling, war breeding Bretton Woods proposal would, in my judgment and in the judgment of really competent people...throw away our chance to do the good things we want to do in the future. This is forcing the American people to pay tribute to foreign governments. It will make the American people, the American taxpayers, the economic slaves of foreign governments."

The X-RAY

COURT ASHER, Editor and Publisher

September 1, 1945

Why should a true and faithful friend, a good dog, be denied meat when many tons of meat are given lend-lease to Russia and Britain. Surely no good American imagines Stalin to be as loyal a friend as his dog.

DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE PEACE

Chicago Daily Tribune
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6 ★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1945

THE POTSDAM FOLLY

The Potsdam communique is hard to read. It may be a long time, therefore, until the full measure of its stupidity and infamy is recognized.

If the great men at Potsdam had deliberately set themselves the problem of finding the best way to promote and prolong misery and unrest on the continent they could hardly have done better than they did.

desire. It must now be recorded with regret that Mr. Truman is as devoid of diplomatic skill as he is without understanding of the problems which he has been dealing with.

PLANNED CHAOS FOR EUROPE

At Potsdam the Big Three [Attlee for Churchill in the second half] admittedly followed the lines of the Tehran and Yalta deals. Those, principally Communists, who have hailed Yalta and Tehran as the superseders of the Atlantic Charter, the Constitution, and the Ten Commandments, may continue their jubilation.

One section of the Potsdam report may almost certainly be attributed to the British election. It is hard to conceive that Spain would have been denounced as unfit to sit with the united nations had not Socialist Attlee displaced Conservative Churchill. Spain is insignificant in Europe, in either the economic or the business sense. If the country threatens any one's interests, it is those of Britain, not Russia. The Russian obsession against Spain, and earlier in San Francisco against the

DAYTON INDEPENDENT August 30, 1945

There was no negotiated peace. There was an "unconditional surrender," as demanded by our lately departed Caesar and his masters.

"Peace," if not "security," have been won even if we don't yet know officially the whole nature of the "peace," with Italy, Germany or Japan. Perhaps that news is to be the poison in our cup.

Propaganda emanating from the Jewish Press, *New York Post*, the *Daily Worker* and *PM*, which has been a reliable herald of coming events for several years, forecasts an inhuman form of slavery in conquered lands, and this propaganda no doubt foreshadows the reward awaiting our veterans of World War II when they get home.

Rep. O'Konski, Wisconsin
Cong. Rec. 8-1-45 - p. A5981

"...Germany is crushed. Morgenthau saw to it that nothing was left of it. The more Germany was crushed the more America could give away in building it up again....and how Morgenthau and company like to give America away. To make peace with Germany to save American lives was of no concern to Morgenthau and company. So Germany was forced to make peace with Stalin before America. To insist on this, Morgenthau and company were sure to see Germany completely destroyed..."



MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1945

The Big-3 At Potsdam

The ancient saying, "Devour not your enemy lest you become like him" which originated in the cannibalistic era of militarism, still holds good in our militaristic era of savagery in the name of "liberty". Every crime in the calendar has been perpetrated by the USA, but because this nation came out "victorious" ours are the heroes, while the "enemies of democracy" are the criminals.

At Potsdam Truman proved himself to be the same 100% cats paw for the International world cartel as his predecessor was.

ANTI-MINORITIES

ANTI-SEMITIC

The X-RAY

COURT ASHER, Editor and Publisher

Saturday, September 1, 1945

JEW-DO-DE-OO-DO

Frank Roosevelt, when President, together with his top-heavy Jew administration spent billions of dollars of the people's money to glorify Jew refugees and Communism. His bureaucratic boards were about all mere propagandist gangs. He flooded the country with Jew refugees illegally. He led and sneaked us into the European war. We have won the war. We have saved the Jews and made Europe and England safe for Communists.

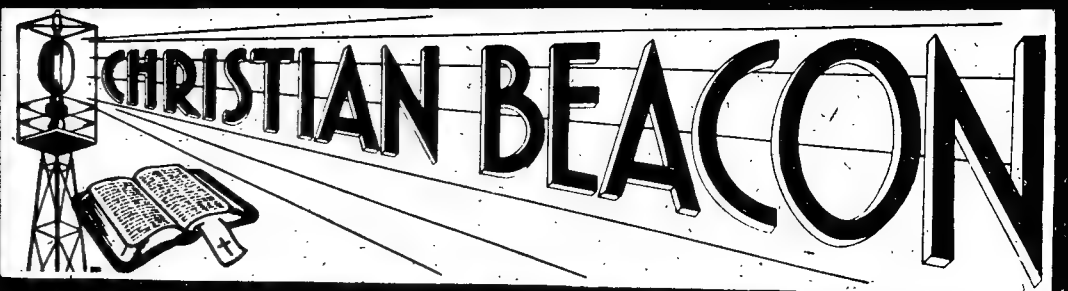
KIKES and COMMUNISTS

It seems more than a coincident that Kike Winchell, Jew stink bum of the air, and "Red" Drew Pearson had Jews and Communistic mouthpieces as "pinch hitters" on their propaganda programs while they were on vacation. We listened to Frank Kingden, foreign-born, Communistic Jew pinch hitting for Winchell Sunday night. His broadcast was a slur, and Jew lie on President Truman and on the United States.

What else should be expected of a Communistic Jew? These Kikes and traitor Communists scream loud and yelp about "Fascists" and claim we are fighting Fascism. Poppycock, Kike and Commies. Fascists have never been an issue in THIS country and WE have never fought Fascism. We fought the

I ask these Kikes and Communists — What is Fascism? If it is being against the tactics of organized Jewry and their brother Communists, then glory be, we are proud to be such a fascist. Fact is these treasonable Roosevelt-bred gangs try to make believe that real, true Americanism is fascism.

ANTI-CATHOLIC



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1945

Roman Catholic Terror

America has to face the Roman Catholic terror. The sooner the Christian people of America wake up to this danger, the safer will be our land.

ANTI-NEGRO

THE BROOM AUGUST 13, 1945

Negro Teachers in White Schools, To Break Color Line

Medalie, Jewish Leader, Favors Putting Negroes and Whites Together to "End Prejudice"

Rep. Rankin, Mississippi
Cong. Rec. 6-21-45 - p. A3195

"...It seems that certain elements in both Houses of Congress are bent on selling the White Americans into Egyptian bondage by the passage of the so-called FEPC, the most dangerous piece of Communistic legislation ever proposed in the Congress of the United States."

SOWING DISUNITY

CHRISTIAN VETERANS AWAKE!

"America will be a Red Soviet Republic within five years," said Josef Stalin recently.

The above words of the Red dictator made up the text of the secret Communist Convention recently held in New York City.

- The Red traitors have removed their mask.
- The Christ-hating enemies of America have thrown down the gauntlet to those of us who were willing to bleed and die in defense of our American way of life.
- "We must not permit Christian veterans to organize," said the Red revolutionists in their recent closed conference.
- The Communist party-line requires that all Christian veterans' organizations be nipped in the bud and crushed before they can be formed.

Will We Knuckle Down and Capitulate to These Conspiring Traitors?

THE CRUSADER AUGUST 1945
THE VOICE OF THE UNION OF CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS

TYLER KENT

The American citizen, Tyler Kent, who languishes in a British prison because he tried to expose the American and British war criminals must be released and brought home for the Pearl Harbor hearings. His term is almost up. We must see that he is not assassinated before he arrives.

BOISE VALLEY HERALD AUGUST 23, 1945

Instead of laboring so hard down in San Francisco with all those foreigners eating our scarce food and drinking the liquor by the gallons, plentiful, due to reverse lend-lease, they say, but very expensive to the American taxpayer who has to pay the bill; why haven't you demanded the truth about Pearl Harbor and the American trial of Tyler Kent? Why have you not worked for a negotiated peace with Japan? We used to call them the nice little people and admire their beautiful cherry blossoms in Washington. Now we are killing their women and babies with liquid fire, right at this very minute, and we should be shocked about Buchenwald.

FATHER COUGHLIN

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Hatriots Canonize Patton, Call Him Anti-Semitic

Unless George S. Patton wants to be identified with alleged seditionists and pro-Fascists, it's time he repudiated his following.

The hatricts, ranging from the allegedly seditious Elizabeth Dilling and Court Asher to the "respectable" John O'Donnell who writes a syndicated column for a dozen large newspapers, are canonizing the general. His is anti-Semitic, they say.

Frederick Kister, chiming in too, said he sent a cable to Patton offering him commandership of Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian War Veterans.

Mrs. Dilling was the first to claim that Patton's ideology is akin to her own. A "Chicago boy, recently returned from service abroad," she reported, credited the general with believing the Jews were evading overseas service and were staying "at home with the girls."

Court Asher reprinted Mrs. Dilling's story in his newspaper, X-Ray, and added that Patton "is a great general, a loyal American."

O'Donnell's column recently intimated strongly that a "Jewish conspiracy" brought about Patton's transfer from his command in the eastern half of the American occupation zone in Germany. The American soldier whom Patton slapped, according to O'Donnell, is a Jew,* and Patton denounced him as such. The columnist went on to say that Morgenthau and Frankfurter "bellowed in the White House" and that David K. Niles and Sidney Hillman joined in the "successful drive to disgrace and remove Gen. George S. Patton from his Army command." All of this, O'Donnell said, shows "the secret and astoundingly effective might of this republic's foreign-born political leaders." ("Foreign-born" is a euphemism often employed by "respectables" as a synonym for Jews.)

* The soldier is Charles Herman Kuhl. His family are of German extraction and belong to the First Nazian Church of Mishawaka, Indiana.



Despite reports to the contrary, ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds announces that his Nationalist Party will continue to function. Reynolds, advance publicity stated, was sought as a speaker for the New York Christian Front rally, which culminated in the arrest of Homer Maertz, Kurt Mertig, and Ernest F. Elmhurst, but the ex-Senator did not appear.

CHICAGO SEETHES

Chicago is bustling with activity as the anti-democratic groups line up their postwar programs.

A string of Chicago's anti-democratic leaders have formed a "Central Committee," which is steering the pro-Fascist, anti-Semitic movement into new paths of unity. The new unity already has brought together on one speakers' platform an all-star cast including the alleged seditionists Elizabeth Dilling and Donald McDaniel; the Gerald L. K. Smith henchmen, Frederick Kister and George Vose; the outstanding "mothers" leader, Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hynning; and the veteran anti-Semite, Stanley Bligh.

Earl Southard, who reportedly has split with William J. Grace's Citizens U.S.A. Committee, has set up the Committee for American Independence. Gerald L. K. Smith's Postwar Recovery Commission is holding forth in Chicago. Homer Maertz came to New York early this month to help the reviving Christian Front. When he returns to Chicago, he promises, "things will really get organized."

FRONTERS ARRESTED

Homer Maertz, ex-Silver Shirts from Chicago; Kurt Mertig, friend of the German American Bund; and Ernest F. Elmhurst, alleged seditionist were arrested this month following a Christian Front rally in Queens, New York City (see page 2). These three, who addressed the meeting, were held on charges of "unlawful assembly" because literature distributed by the Fronters might "cause a breach of peace." The case will be brought up in Special Sessions Court, Queens, at an early date.

REYNOLDS STILL ACTIVE

Ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds announced this month that his Nationalist Party will continue to be active even though the *National Record*, the Party's official organ, will no longer appear. The demise of the paper, along with reports that Nationalist Party solicitors had been fired and that some Party leaders were resigning, caused rumors that Reynolds' Party was closing up shop. Reynolds denied the rumors, and announced that a "national weekly" will be the "next official organ" of his movement.

O'KONSKI COOPERATES

Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisconsin is cooperating merrily with the pro-Fascist We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America. He is offering them copies, in quantity lots, of his speech, "What Every American Should Know."

NYE, FISH JOIN HATELERS

Ex-Senator Gerald P. Nye and Mrs. Hamilton Fish (wife of the ex-Congressman) have joined blatant pro-Fascists and anti-Semites as board members of the American Justice for Tyler Kent Committee. On the board with Nye and Mrs. Fish are, among others: Carl Mote, anti-Semitic utilities executive and henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith; Arthur Terminiello, the Coughlinite from Anniston, Alabama; Maude S. Deland, who belonged to the Friends of the New Germany, forerunner of the German American Bund; ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds.

A REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN FRONT

The Christian Front, which spread Hitler-like terror through America's great cities from 1938 until Pearl Harbor, is back in business. It fired the opening salute of its postwar campaign Saturday night, October 6, at a street corner rally in Queens, New York.

In the old days Christian Front rowdies praised Hitler and screamed for Jewish blood. Their street corner meetings inspired vandals, leaving swastikas and obscene slogans in their wake, to break into Jewish homes and Synagogues. German Americans, who later were deported, worked with the Fronters and exhorted their followers to do likewise.

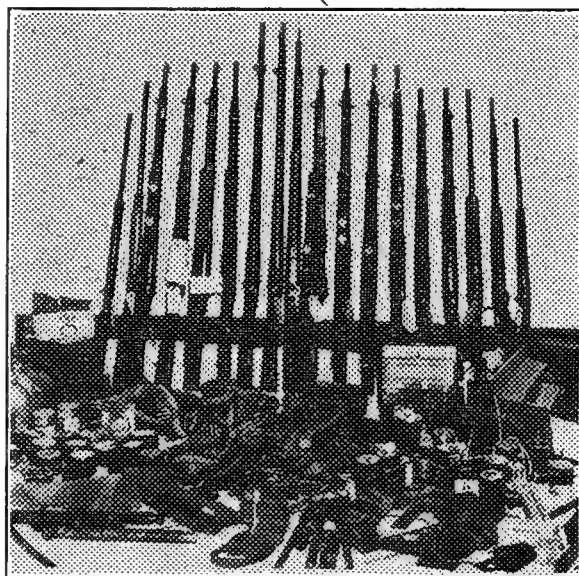
Indications are that the revived group will follow the same pattern. Its backers include Elizabeth Dilling, whom the Department of Justice charges with conspiring with the Nazis; Ainslee E. Horney, the veteran anti-Semite; C. Daniel Kurts, who specialized in cooperating with German American Bundists and in denouncing the late President Roosevelt as a "Jew," a "Yellow Asiatic Mongolian Communist."

The Christian Front first was organized in the latter part of 1938, when the Reverend Charles E. Coughlin urged his followers to form "platoons." Each "platoon" was to have twenty-five members; and, as each member became thoroughly indoctrinated with Coughlinite principles, he was to organize another "platoon."

The system worked beautifully. By the fall of 1939, there were Christian Front units in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, and numerous other cities. In Greater New York alone, the Front had about 12,000 active members who staged forty to fifty street meetings weekly. Many of these resulted in anti-Semitic riots and brawls. The New York police blotter showed the "criminal prosecutions arising out of racial meetings and sales of racial literature in New York City" numbered 233 in 1939.

Joe McWilliams, who used to yell "I'm 100 per cent for Hitler" was distinguished in Christian Front circles by the police records of his following: His storm-trooper unit and speakers and hangers-on at his meetings included men who had served time for burglary and rape, who pled guilty to the charge of procuring, who went to jail for brandishing a knife.

Like Hitler's Brownshirts, the Fronters ostensibly were fighting the "Jews" and Communists; actually they were pinning the "Communist-Jew" label on everyone disagreeing with their Nazi-like philosophy. All labor organizations, all "in-



This is a collection of arms, ammunition, and home-made bombs seized by the F.B.I. when G-men raided the homes of New York Christian Fronters in January, 1940.

ternationalists," all Britain-lovers, all persons who were even mildly liberal were lumped together by the Christian Fronters and labeled "Communist." Then, to the Fronters, all Jews were Communists, and vice-versa. Consequently, these crusaders against the "rising tide of Communism" were unable to distinguish between Joseph Stalin and Wendell Willkie; they denounced the Episcopalian Franklin Roosevelt and the Presbyterian Leon Henderson as "Jews."

Like the Brownshirts, too, the Christian Front collected guns. Membership blanks requested applicants to list their military experience, and Fronters shouted for a private army to "save America."

Early in 1940, seventeen New York Christian Fronters were arrested on charges of "conspiracy to overthrow, put down and destroy" the United States government. F.B.I. men, raiding Christian Front homes, seized arms, ammunition, and home-made bombs. The jury acquitted the Fronters, but William Gerald Bishop, one of the seventeen, later was interned on Ellis Island as a dangerous enemy alien.

Sparkplug of the Christian Front, 1945 version, is C. Daniel Kurts, whose real name is Casimir Kudelski. As late as September 26, 1941, Kurts ran a Christian Front street meeting in Queens. His speakers included: (1) John C. Fitting, big-shot of the German American Bund's Camp Nordland. Fitting recently was denaturalized and ordered deported along with the Bund *Fuehrer*, Fritz Kuhn. (2) Edward James Smythe, the alleged seditionist who was notorious for lauding Hitler and denouncing Jews and Catholics. (3) Kurt Mertig, chairman of the Citizens' Protective League. Before the war Mertig worked for the German-American Line and cooperated

happily with the Bund. Recently he has been trying to stay the deportation of Nazified German Americans.

Anti-Semitism at the meeting was so violent that Kurts was arrested and sent to the Kings County Hospital for a sanity test. He was judged sane, and Magistrate Joseph De Andrea sentenced Kurts to thirty days in jail.

Public announcements of Kurts' Christian Front rally for October 6, 1945, were reminiscent of pre-war days. According to advance publicity, Kurts hoped his speakers would include: (1) Ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, leader of the Nationalist Party who for the last six years has cooperated with the pro-Fascist movement. (2) Catherine Brown of the National Blue Star Mothers of America, which formerly was called the Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania. These "mothers" were named by the Department of Justice as helping to spread allegedly seditious propaganda.

Reynolds did not appear, but Mrs. Brown did. Kurts chaired the meeting, and the speakers, besides Mrs. Brown and Kurts, included: Homer Maertz, ex-Silver Shirts from Chicago; Kurt Mertig, who addressed Kurts' Christian Front meeting back in September, 1941; Ernest F. Elmhurst, the alleged seditionist; and Frederick Kister, organizer for Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian War Veterans. Eugene Flitcraft of Chicago's Gentile Cooperative Association was at the Christian Front rally with Kister.

Backers of the October 6 meeting included: (1) National Blue Star Mothers of America, Catherine Brown's group. (2) The America First Party and the Christian War Veterans, both of which are run by the Detroit anti-Semite, Gerald L. K. Smith. Thomas Dewey has characterized Smith as "Hitler-like." (3) The Patriotic Research Bureau, which is run by the allegedly seditious Elizabeth Dilling. (4) The Hoosier Press, headed by the anti-Semitic pamphleteer, Ainslee E. Horney. Horney recently was investigated by the Illinois state legislature.

The Christian Fronters obviously plan to capitalize on the maladjustments which will inevitably arise as the nation reconverts from a wartime to a peacetime nation. Whether the Christian Front can take over the city street corners now as they did during the late 1930's depends upon how thoroughly the Front and its record are exposed and opposed. The Fronters cannot get a strong hold on any community in which enlightened groups expose their background and sponsor rival rallies. But in neighborhoods where it is unopposed, the Christian Front will flourish.

A REPORT ON BOSTON

Boston, a hotbed of isolationist and Coughlinite activity before Pearl Harbor, is seething with postwar "anti" propagandas. Coughlinites and anti-Semites hold public office; meetings are held endlessly; pressure is brought to bear against a fair employment practices law; a dash of anti-Catholicism has been added.

In the heyday of the Christian Front, Boston was a Coughlinite stronghold. Staunch Coughlin followers, such as Francis Moran and William Gallagher, held rallies and benefits and birthday balls in honor of Coughlin. *Social Justice* vendors hawked their wares from city street corners. Anti-Semitic violence broke out, and vandalism became almost commonplace. Moran's activities were as blatant as those of the Goebbels-parroting Coughlin himself. This Boston Christian Fronter staged showings of the Nazi-produced film, "Sieg im Westen." When the America First Committee became active in 1941, it found Boston a fertile field. Speaker after speaker appeared on A.F.C. platforms there, and Coughlinite audiences applauded wildly.

The war quieted the Coughlinites, but it didn't put them out of business. *Save America Now*, Boston successor to *Social Justice*, dedicated an issue to Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's representative in the East. A core of about 500 Christian Fronters remained active—yammering for Coughlinite speakers like Edward Lodge Curran.

Moran, who served for a while in the Army, now has been released. Although he says he does not intend to revive his organization, chances are that he will be back in the movement. Moran has made promises of "reform" before.

Meanwhile David I. Walsh, the die-hard isolationist, still represents Massachusetts in the United States Senate. Local Coughlinites, like Florence Birmingham and her Women's Political Club, recently showed their admiration for the Senator by feteing him at a tea. Friends of the Christian Front, such as Henry Moynihan of Winthrop, Massachusetts, showed up; and the political remarks were devoted to moaning over the fate of Poland, Lithuania, and Ireland, scoring peacetime military conscription, and declaring that America's "internationalists" were responsible for the war.

Michael J. Ward, candidate for reelection to the School Committee, once distributed William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirt publications. More recently he obstructed a measure which would have introduced an intercultural education program in the schools. Charles S. O'Connor, clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, is an Irish nationalist and isolationist.

CHRISTIANS

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ROXBURY and DORCHESTER

Read This Historic Pamphlet

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Control and Infest Your Communities

From their early settlement days to the present time, the communities of Roxbury and Dorchester have been closely related geographically, as well as in their business enterprises, their Christian inhabitants, and have always been noted for their scenic beauty and cultural activities. Roxbury was first settled by a group of Pilgrims who arrived on the "Arbella" from Dorchester, England, and named the settlement "Rocksbury" or "Rockborough". On October 8, 1630, it was recognized as a "town" by the Court of Assistants. Dorchester, on the other hand, was first settled by a small group of Puritans who first arrived at Nantasket on June 11, 1630; and soon thereafter migrated to such place. In 1634, Dorchester was the largest town in New England and retained its independence until June 22, 1669, when it was annexed to the City of Boston. Both communities flourished in Christianity and beauty and thrived and prospered by their honest dealings in farm and mill products. In 1632 the first church was built in Roxbury and in 1643 the first free school was established. Dorchester likewise followed Puritanism and education. During the revolutionary period each community scarcely had 2000 inhabitants, a little over 200 dwellings, 3 meeting houses and five schools. By 1800, Roxbury still had about 2700 inhabitants which grew to 4135 in 1820 and to 5237 in 1850. Dorchester, during the same period, had about 4000 in 1780, which grew to 8840 in 1855 and to

Thousands of these anti-Semitic leaflets, inspired by the Christian Front, flooded Boston during war time. Roxbury and Dorchester are sections of Boston.

William Gallagher, the Coughlinite, recently referred to O'Connor as "my best friend, distinguished Catholic, and Boston Christian." Thomas Dorgan, clerk of the Superior Court, constantly has defended Irish neutrality. Recently he presented to the legislature bills proposing that Massachusetts ask the United States to bring Eire into the United Nations conference.

Coughlinites are particularly active in opposing a fair employment practices law in Massachusetts. Mrs. Mary Knight, who follows the Coughlinite anti-Semitic, anti-Russian line, testified against the fair employment bill at the committee hearings. So did her friend, Mrs. Ralph H. Burton. Both the women used the anti-Semitic technique in their testimony.

Meetings are being held indefatigably in Boston. William Gallagher recently presided at a meeting honoring the Reverend Arthur W. Terminiello of Anniston, Alabama. Terminiello, who repeatedly praises Coughlin, openly opposed the war even while we were fighting it. Thomas Niland, ex-politician, is now associated with the New Thought Forum, a stromping ground for the local pro-Fascists, anti-Semites, anti-Catholics, and Coughlinites. The forum meets each Sunday, and regularly draws an audience of about fifty or more persons. Mrs. George Wilkins of Brookline runs the Women's Committee for United Ac-

tion. Mrs. Wilkins, with Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Burton as well as with her regular followers, stormed to the Governor's office to "demand" more meat. These women were particularly active last spring in a local anti-OPA campaign. Marie Ballem, Christian Fronter, is active as secretary of the Citizens' Constitutional Committee. Mrs. Margaret P. Welch, social registerite, America Firster, apologist for Hitler in 1933, and defender of the Christian Front, has been active recently in an innocuous city street cleanup committee. Prior to that, however, she addressed a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation at which she denounced the "international financiers." Morgenthau and Rothschild were "international financiers," she said, and added: "I don't want you to think all financiers are Jews. ... But we must remember it is just a few financiers who have control of money and power."

Anti-Catholicism is seeping into the pores of Boston, too. The Meador Publishing Company has released L. F. Schrader's anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic book, *Exposé of Religious Fraud*. The Youth for Christ movement in New England began under the guidance and sponsorship of the Reverend Harold J. Ockenga, anti-Catholic pastor of the Park Street Church. Ockenga made national news when he stated at a Chicago evangelist convention that Catholicism was trying to take over America. The Youth for Christ movement received the blessings of the Boston Hearst press. Nationally it has sometimes been called anti-Semitic—with Gerald L. K. Smith reported interested in it.

Despite the destructive forces tearing at Boston, the city still is able to marshal strong opposition. Its outstanding prelate, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, has time and again been on the side of justice and democracy for all—regardless of race, creed, or color. The Governor's Committee for Racial and Religious Unity has promoted a civic program for better community relations and was instrumental in preparing courses given Boston police for use in handling racial tensions and averting riots. The Frances Sweeney Committee consistently has fought all forms of bigotry and has sought to promote better community understanding. Boston's neighbor, Cambridge, has adapted the city manager type of government and has instituted programs to promote better community relations.

Postwar Boston bids fair to be a battleground between these opposing forces.

Have I coming?

PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT

News Flashes

EDWARD A. RUMELY'S contempt case ended in a hung jury. Joe Kamp handed notes to Rumely during the proceeding.

JOSEPH LEE, who has been associated with the Coughlin-tinged American Democratic National Committee, is running for mayor of Boston.

UPTON CLOSE is making Elizabeth Dilling happy these days. Mrs. Dilling thinks Close at long last is being convinced that Communism and Judaism are synonymous. Close's attitude toward Jews is getting to be perilously similar to that of Mrs. Dilling. Recently he talked of "the brazen program of our Communist conspirators to make the Jewish community their gestapo and dagger men."

WESTBROOK PEGLER, the syndicate which publishes his column, and one of the papers in which his column appears are being sued for \$12,000,000 by the International Latex Corporation of Dover, Delaware. The Corporation held that it was libeled by Pegler's article entitled, "Communists Go 'Big Business' to Trick U. S."

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG sent Congressmen an expensive pamphlet "proving" that the Jews were responsible for the war, etc., etc. Armstrong, the *Texas Citizen*, says, was connected with the Texas Regulars.

SENATOR LANGER and Congressman Rankin are getting chummy with Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hyning, leader of We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America.

JOSEPH P. KAMP approves of Mrs. Van Hyning, too. He wants her to help him with his new book on "Communism."

THE SHOP on East 86th Street, New York City, which sells C. Leon de Aran's *Broom*, is branching out. Now it sells yellow pencils inscribed "Jew Money and Jew Deal and New Deal mean war." It also distributes the *Dispatch* by Homer Maertz and T. W. Hughes' notorious book, *Forty Years of Roosevelt*.

ALBERT DILLING, Elizabeth Dilling's husband, is acting as lawyer for Frederick Kister in the latter's libel suits against the *Jewish Sentinel* and the *Chicago Sun*.

JOHN T. FLYNN'S opinions about Pearl Harbor are getting around. One of his articles on that subject is being sold in pamphlet form by Elizabeth Dilling — 25 cents a copy; five for \$1.

FREDERICK KISTER, Gerald L. K. Smith says, knows Charles Lindbergh.

MAXIMILIAN ST. GEORGE, Joe McWilliams' lawyer at the sedition trial, has just finished a book on the sedition trial. Gerald L. K. Smith says it will be

WALTER MAIER DEFENDED

The Reverend Walter A. Maier, who conducts the Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, is being defended staunchly in pro-Fascist circles. Gerald L. K. Smith and the alleged seditionists Elizabeth Dilling, Gerald Winrod, C. Leon de Aryan, and Court Asher have come to his defense.

The PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT of July 15 carried a full-page report on Maier. It told of Maier's connection with Gerald L. K. Smith and showed how the Lutheran minister has followed the "anti" propaganda line for the last five years.

Smith, in his *Cross and the Flag*, screamed: "Smear! Smear! Smear! Smear!" He called Maier "one of the great preachers of the world," and later, in boasting that he had dined with the minister, referred to Maier as a "persecuted Christian American."

Mrs. Dilling issued a special, 18-page supplement to her monthly bulletin denouncing the BATTLEFRONT and Friends of Democracy. Gerald Winrod sent a special mimeographed letter to his mailing list denouncing Friends of Democracy and praising Maier's "great messages." C. Leon de Aryan defended Maier as "the world's most famous Lutheran preacher." Court Asher, in his newspaper *X-Ray*, declared that "pro-Communist Jews and the so-called Friends of Democracy" were about to have Maier banned from the air. Asher called for a "courageous campaign of resistance by organized Lutherandom."

It is significant that Maier's defense is coming from Smith and the alleged seditionists, rather than from reputable religious groups.

a "handbook for all nationalists."

THE REVEREND EDWARD J. BROPHY conferred with Gerald L. K. Smith when the latter was in New York.

ARTHUR W. FRIEDE is seeking a new charter for his Gentile League in Watertown, Wisconsin. Meanwhile the league is advertising for members in *Women's Voice*.

EUGENE FLITCRAFT says his Gentile Cooperative Association is beginning a Gentile Veterans Service, which will cooperate closely with Frederick Kister and George Vose.

HENRY KLEIN is dealing with Gerald L. K. Smith via Colonel Eugene Nelson Sanctuary.

ONE NATION, by Wallace Stegner and the editors of *Look* magazine, is a book of text and pictures showing the problems of minorities in America. Dedicated to the proposition that all Americans should have "something like equal opportunities regardless of race, creed, or color," the book is well worth reading. It was published by Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, and sells for \$3.75.

EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

NOTE: Each issue of the PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT carries an editorial by a well-known writer dealing with the fight for democracy. Subscribers to this bulletin are urged to pass these editorials to newspapers and magazines — suggesting they be used as is.

INTERRUPTED VOYAGE

By L. M. BIRKHEAD

National Director, Friends of Democracy

"Homer Maertz' arrest interrupted his plans for touring the Atlantic Coast and the Southeast." That is the verdict of under cover workers who had an inside track to the notorious Jew-baiter's schemes. It was Maertz' plan to pick up whatever local Fascist talent he could to spearhead the "revival" of nationalist feeling among those who had quit activity during the war.

While he pandered to the East and Southeast, co-worker Gerald L. K. Smith was scheduled to work the southwestern and western circuit. Smith is on his way, but Maertz' fanatic Jew-baiting landed him in jail on a charge of threatening "breach of peace."

Maertz' backers knew his fanatical character. They were aware that his extreme anti-Semitism eventually would bring him into conflict with the law, as it had in Chicago. They were counting on that — but not so soon. They were hoping for some such fracas — but not so soon. Only a wild, slugging, native Fascist orator could arrest public attention, provoke the press into giving him columns of publicity and awaken the nationalist spark among the timid.

Maertz' instructions were to gather round him the so-called "lunatic fringe," aware that only this element would be willing to buck the law, unflinchingly face public ridicule and the determined opposition of democratic groups.

This explains the presence of such obvious pro-Nazis as Kurt Mertig and Ernest Elmhurst, and such diehard Coughlinites as Daniel Kurts and Mrs. John Brown. These are the psychological "stormtroopers," the ground breakers and publicity-mongers. Their job is to arouse interest in, as well as sympathy for, the nationalist cause by provoking arrest, by howling "persecution," and denial of freedom of speech.

Gerald L. K. Smith is free. Silver Shirter No. 3223 is California bound. Homer Maertz, also a former lieutenant of Pelley's Silver Shirts, is out on bail at this writing. We should like to think his voyage East has failed. But at best it has only been interrupted. Fascism is an idea which cannot be stopped by legislative means alone. A positive, militant, aroused, public indignation is its most effective antidote.

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Dear fellow American:

What would a Hitlerized world be like?

This pamphlet on the Gestapo is Friends of Democracy's answer.

Nazism and Gestapo are interchangeable terms. Without one the other could not exist. This pamphlet shows that life under the brutal heel of the Gestapo means:

GOVERNMENT BY ASSASSINATION.

NO FREE SPEECH.

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NO RIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY OR PETITION.

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FAMILY LIFE DISRUPTED BY THE FEAR OF SPIES.

This is but a partial list of the barbaric practices instituted in Nazi-controlled Europe by the Gestapo. And it is this organized terror that the Gestapo would impose on the United States, should the swastika ever supplant the Stars and Stripes.

The Gestapo, like Soviet Russia's OGPU, already has agents at work in America moving swiftly and systematically towards the complete destruction of democracy. We must see to it that their subversive work is stopped now.

Friends of Democracy earnestly hopes that this pamphlet will further strengthen your resolve to fight Nazism wherever it appears, so that the Gestapo will never take root in this land of free people.

Yours for the Democratic way of life.

Friends of Democracy
L. M. Birkhead—National Director

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The following exhibits will be found in the file jacket filed directly in back of the investigative files:

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1. Pamphlet entitled "The Gestapo"

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2. Pamphlet entitled "Henry Ford Must Choose" issued by Friends of Democracy, Inc.

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3. Form letter written on letterhead of instant organization in name of L. M. Birkhead, National Director, commencing: "In the eyes of millions of people in all parts of the world, the name of Henry Ford has become identified with the Nazi movement."

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June 19, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, Inc.

I am submitting herewith a pamphlet and letter received from the above named organization. Agent does not know how the organization secured ~~its~~ name. This organization has, within the past month, become affiliated with the Committee to Defend America by aiding the allies.

The agent was previously informed by Informant ROY McFARLAND that a representative of this organization has been doing some work in connection with STANLEY McCLATCHIE.

It is not believed that any investigation should be conducted regarding this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. HEALEY
Special Agent

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July 10, 1941

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 2344
Boston, Mass.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

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Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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(Date)

Subject: Friends of Democracy, Inc.

Summary of Information: A propaganda sheet entitled "Henry Ford Must Choose" published by the Friends of Democracy, Inc., L. M. Birkhead, National Director, with national headquarters at Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and Eastern Regional Office, 103 Park Avenue, New York City, has been sent to Fort H. G. Wright, New York for sale in the Post Exchange.

The New London News Company, 37 John Street, New London, Conn., is operated by Charles Glassenberg. The New London News Company sent four copies of subject paper with their regular shipment of periodicals for the Post Exchange with the notation that there were no more copies available as it was a limited edition.

This office is checking to discover whether similar publications have been distributed through the Post Exchanges in other states.

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Post Office Box #2344
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July 16, 1941

Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Bolling
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Headquarters First Corps Area
Army Base
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your recent
communication transmitting report relative to the above
matter.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON *VW*
Special Agent in Charge

VWP:MP

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST CORPS AREA
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE - (G-2)
ARMY BASE, BOSTON, MASS.

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July 28, 1941

Subject: Friends of Democracy, Inc.
Publishers of "HENRY FORD MUST CHOOSE"

To: Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts

Inclosed herewith is Summary of Information report on
above subject which is forwarded for your information and file.

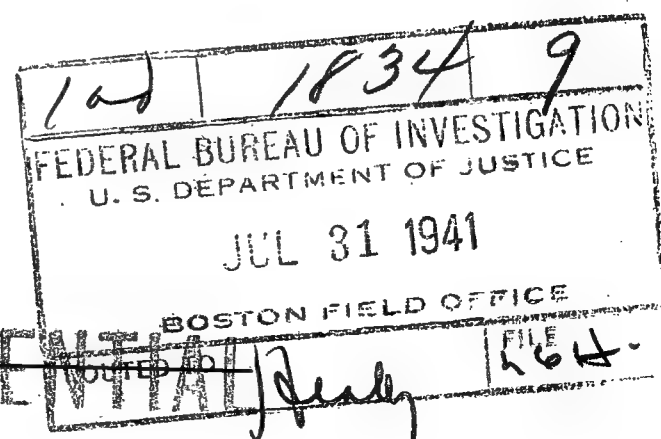
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WILLIAM G. WALKER,
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Office A.C. of S., G-2
Hq. First Corps Area
Boston, Mass

SI No. 1396

July 28, 1941

(Date)

Subject: Friends of Democracy, Inc.
Publishers of "HENRY FORD MUST CHOOSE"

Summary of Information:

The above mentioned propaganda sheet, which is distributed by Friends of Democracy, Inc., L.M. Birkhead, National Director, with National Headquarters in the Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and Eastern Regional Office at 103 Park Avenue, New York City, has been distributed to Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y. and Fort Devens, Massachusetts, through periodical and newspaper distributors.

The sheet in question was sent to Fort H. G. Wright with a regular shipment of periodicals for sale in the Post Exchange by the NEW LONDON NEWS COMPANY which is operated by CHARLES GLASSENBERG. This distribution was accompanied by a notation to the effect that no more copies were available as it was a limited edition. Only 4 copies were sent to this station and none were distributed.

16 copies of Subject publication were delivered to the Post Exchange, Fort Devens, by the GREATER BOSTON DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 40 Waltham Street, Boston, Mass, 10 copies of which were left at the main Post Exchange, and 6 at the Recruit Reception Center Exchange. No copies were distributed as all copies were picked up by the Exchange Officer the morning after delivery. Delivery slips, on the basis of which copies were left, showed the exact number to be delivered to the two Exchanges, indicating that the publication was not slipped in by the driver or some unauthorized person. The Post Exchange Officer wrote to the Greater Boston Distributors, Inc. requesting information as to why this literature was given distribution at Fort Devens. A reply stated that the publication was sent to Fort Devens in error, and that the magazine was distributed by the PUBLISHERS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION, 225 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. The delivery slips clearly indicate that these copies were intended for Fort Devens and were not sent there in error.

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

August 2, 1941

Lieutenant Colonel William G. Walker
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Headquarters First Corps Area
Army Base
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Friends of Democracy, Inc.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you very kindly for your recent communication transmitting report relative to the above matter.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON *VWP*
Special Agent in Charge

VWP:MP

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Army Service Forces
Headquarters First Service Command
Boston 15, Massachusetts

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23 November 1943

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Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
100 Milk Street,
Boston 9, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Re: FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY
Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, Chairman

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The attached communication is forwarded for your information and
whatever action you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

S. D. Brown
S. D. BROWN

Lt. Colonel, F. A.,

For the Director, Intelligence Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
HQ. FIRST SERVICE COMMAND
BOSTON 15, MASS.
(Office of Headquarters)

Boston, Massachusetts
(Place)

23 November 1943
(Date)

Subject: FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY,
Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, Chairman

Summary of Information:

A Confidential informant attended Community Church Services, Jordan Hall, Sunday, 7 November 1943. The scheduled speaker, Nila MAGIDOFF, was unable to be present because of illness. The substitute speaker was Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, Chairman of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, who spoke on the subject "Propaganda is a Weapon".

The first part of the speech was devoted to an analysis of words and their tremendous effect as agents of propaganda: "Free Enterprise" and "Sovereignty" were two examples of this - particularly the word "Sovereignty" which was said to be currently used (and abused) by isolationist Senators to help bolster their own arguments to keep the United States from any postwar alliances that might encroach upon her "sovereignty" as a state.

The speaker related how on a pre-war visit to Germany he had been told by Nazi Paul VERN that it was their avowed purpose to make in the United States the word Jew synonymous with Bolshevist. It was emphatically and repeatedly pointed out that anti-Semitism had very little basis in fact, but "was used as a powerful political weapon." Again, as in a previous speech in Boston BIRKHEAD advocated the expose as the method to combat the CHRISTIAN FRONT, AMERICA FIRST and other subversive elements who are sponsoring this anti-Semitic campaign.

According to the informant it was said that the United States had still failed to grasp the enormous influence of propaganda as a major weapon, and that we are on the road to winning the war on the military front and losing it on the propaganda and peace front.

Source:
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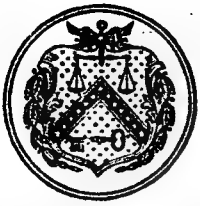
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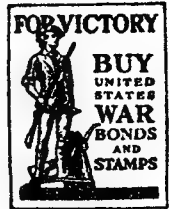
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Cambridge Women's
War Finance Committee

OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR

66 Church Street
Cambridge, Mass.



October 19, 1943

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
10 Post Office Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you two pamphlets that came
to me through the mail, in case they might be of
interest to you.

John Roy Carlson appeared and spoke at a
Book and Author War Bond Rally in the High and
Latin School in Cambridge on September 28th. Mr.
Carlson was sent by the Books and Authors for
War Bond Committee, *Community Activities (affiliated with the Treasury Dept)*
as were the other authors who
spoke on that occasion, and the Rally was under the
auspices of our organization, the Women's Division
of the Cambridge War Finance Committee.

CHECKED *Sincerely yours,*
NO RECORD *Mrs. A. Kingsley Porter*
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100 Milk Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

November 4, 1943

Mrs. A. Kingsley Porter, Chairman
Cambridge Women's War Finance Committee
66 Church Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of
October 19, 1943 in which you give information concerning
certain pamphlets received by you.

Your cooperation in submitting this matter to
this office is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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EDWARD A. SOUCY
Special Agent in Charge

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Boston, Mass.,
March 29, 1944.

MEMO FOR FILE 100-1834 - FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.,
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For For the information of these files a review of the file entitled Dr.
HOWARD B. RAND, with alias, etal, Internal Security - M, Boston file
100-2429-58, indicates that the records of the New York Field Division
discloses that FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY is a Communist Front Organization.

CHARLES E. PELLETIER, SA

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1943—TWENTY-EIGHT PAGES.

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SOME LETDOWN! NO SOVIET GOLD AIDS 'EVIL' EAST

(Are the Eastern "internationalists" plotting to deliver the United States into the clutches of the British Empire? Are the New York bankers, Communists, "freedom" groups and Rhodes Scholars conspiring to overthrow the Constitution? These and similar charges made by Chicago isolationists are investigated in a series of articles, of which this is the second.)

BY SYDNEY J. HARRIS.

Special Dispatch from Staff Correspondent.

New York, Nov. 2.—I was deeply disappointed when I visited the headquarters of Friends of Democracy. I had been led to expect something vastly different, more elaborate, luxuriously sinister.

Friends of Democracy has been under attack from the iso-nationalists for several years. It has been marked as a "radical organization," devoted to maligning patriotic Americans, engaged in dark deeds to foster communism and internationalism, and subsidized by powerful banking interests.

If this is true, its backers are shrewd men indeed, for the group's connections are surprisingly well concealed.

Office Small, Unpretentious.

The Friends of Democracy office is situated on the sixth floor of a small, unprepossessing building at 137 E. 57th st. Its four-room suite is almost barren of furniture. Its floors are carpetless, its windows not even modestly covered with Venetian blinds.

At several large desks near the windows sit three or four women, clipping and sorting articles from periodicals, preparing editorial matter and mailing "literature" to members. Along the walls are stacked piles of brochures. A rear room is filled with shelves of reference material.

I was greeted by the group's national director, the Rev. L. M. Birkhead, and taken into his small, untidy, book-lined office. He is a plump, lively little man with sandy hair and glasses. His voice is a flat Midwestern drawl. "You want to know all about the Friends of Democracy?" he grinned. "Well, our work speaks for itself. You can look at everything we've got here and I'll be glad to tell you all about our program and membership."

Where Are New Yorkers?

First of all, I wanted to know, what about the "New York internationalists" who are supposed to run the organization? Who and what are they?

"I don't suppose any group is less New Yorkish than ours," the Rev. Mr. Birkhead explained. "Although we have a regional office here, for convenience, our national headquarters is at Kansas City, and only about one third of our national committee are even Easterners."

The Rev. Mr. Birkhead himself is a former Kansas City minister, who formed the group in 1937, after an eye-opening visit to Germany. Set up to combat "anti-democratic and pro-Axis propaganda in America," it has waged a nation-wide campaign against all native Fascist movements, and was among the first to expose Gerald B. Winrod, Joe McWilliams and the various "shirt" outfits before the war.

As a research group, Friends of Democracy has collected the most complete library of antidemocratic propaganda in the country. Its files are regularly consulted by major government agencies and leading publications in a score of cities.

Here's the 'Subversive' Board.

"I don't think you can find a more representative group of Americans on any executive board," the Rev. Mr. Birkhead chuckled, as he brought out a list of the national committee.

Among the committee members are such "subversive" citizens as:

Louis Bromfield, author and Ohio farmer, who has opposed the New Deal bitterly on domestic policy and has been applauded for his stand by many of the iso-nationalist groups who are unaware of his affiliation with Friends of Democracy.

Horace J. Bridges, Midwestern religious leader and president of the Chicago Ethical Society.

Struthers Burt, novelist, who lives in Wyoming.

Lee DeForest, the noted radio inventor, a resident of California.

John Dewey, one of America's foremost philosophers.

Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Oscar Jazi, educator, at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Hal Sims, the bridge expert.

Arthur J. Todd, professor of sociology at Northwestern University.

Van Wyck Brooks, historian and critic, who lives in Connecticut.

Albert Edward Wiggam, conservative lecturer and popular scientist, a native of Indiana.

Out of 39 members of the national committee, only nine live in New York City. Other members are residents of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, California, Iowa, Virginia and Kansas.

The story of Friends of Democracy properly begins in 1936, when the Rev. Mr. Birkhead, then an active Unitarian minister, decided to go to Germany to see Hitler's new Reich for himself. There he "fraternized" with Julius Streicher and other Nazi leaders and learned to his amazement that the Berlin "clearing-house" for Nazi propaganda had numerous agents in the United States—some of them "respected" citizens in their communities.

Upon his return to Kansas City, the Rev. Mr. Birkhead hired a small paid staff, added some volunteer workers, and began a systematic investigation of pro-Fascist groups in America.

800 Nazi Groups in Action.

In 1938, he startled the nation with the disclosure that more than 800 American Nazi groups were distributing hundreds of "nationalist" publications and millions of pamphlets attacking the Jews, the Catholics, the Negroes and democratic government.

During the last four years, with small annual donations received from all parts of the country, the organization has divided its program into two chief activities. These are:

1. To inform Americans about subversive propaganda and its Fascist connections.

2. To focus government and public attention upon specific individuals and groups engaging in such propaganda.

The subsequent notoriety of such men as Pelley, Christian, Deatherage, McWilliams and others was brought about largely through the Friends of Democracy, as its files eloquently attest.

However, in the bitter prewar battle between interventionists and isolationists, the F.O.D. incurred the everlasting enmity of isolationist forces by revealing their tieup with Nazi-controlled groups and their paralleling of German propaganda themes.

Acts As Educational Agency.

Actually, the Rev. Mr. Birkhead explained, the F.O.D. has not been an "internationalist" organization, although it advocates democratic postwar collaboration. It has primarily acted as an educational agency exposing the "anti" groups and has boldly shown the similarities between Nazi and native Fascist propaganda, with their similar emphasis on supernaturalism, isolationism, racism and general antidemocratic bias. For this reason, he pointed out, the F.O.D. has been classified as "radical" and "internationalist" and smeared by the disunity press.

"Since the war, the subversive propaganda line has changed, of course," he said. "It is still anti-Semitic but now it is also violently anti-British, anti-Russian,

anti-Chinese. Right now supernaturalism is enjoying a revival. 'Keep America American' is one of their slogans, as is 'Don't join a world government in which we will be outvoted by the Asiatic hordes.' All of these 'anti' themes are closely identified with the Nazi propaganda line."

In refuting the charge that the F.O.D. is in any sense "Communist-dominated," political observers demonstrated that the "acid test" could be given the F.O.D. to disprove this accusation. The acid test is the period between the Soviet-Nazi pact and the German attack on Russia, when all Communist groups were intensely isolationist and antiwar.

Consistently Fought Fascists.

The F.O.D. consistently supported international collaboration against Fascism—something no red-tainted group would have done at that time.

Combined with the "Communist" slur is the paradoxical charge that "international bankers" contribute toward the F.O.D. If this is so, then the bankers have been miserly in their aid—each year the F.O.D. is compelled to send out appeals for small donations to maintain its work.

"We would welcome a few bankers," the Rev. Mr. Birkhead smiled. "Who wouldn't?"

(Tomorrow: Some more "internationalist" groups.)

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION SDB/elc

808 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

April 16, 1943

Subject: "THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT" (Publication of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.
137 East 57th Street, New York, New York)

To: Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr. C. E. Hennrich

The attached communication is forwarded for your information
and whatever action you deem appropriate.

For the Director of Intelligence:

S. D. Brown
S. D. BROWN
Major, F. A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS FIRST SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

(Office of Headquarters)

808 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
(Place)

April 16, 1943

(Date)

Subject: "THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT" (Publication of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.
137 East 57th Street, New York, New York)

Summary of Information:

This office is in receipt of the most recent issue of Subject publication, Volume I, No. III, dated March 15, 1943.

The copy in question deals with the new tactics of the various Fascist groups in America and their plans for post-war activity.

Quoting anonymously from the words of "a member of the United States Senate" and "a well known pro-Fascist worker", the paper states that the new policy and catchword of the native Fascists will be nationalism, and that in general a great deal of energy will be expended in fighting all types of international co-operation. This policy of nationalism will involve all the old-time America First-ers and isolationists, as well as various reactionary and labor-hating forces. The article points out that combating this new isolationism will be especially difficult, since the title "Nationalist" will carry an emotional content, calculated to protect the Fascists who bear it, and any opposition will have to overcome the cries of "un-American" which will be leveled at it.

Subject paper also contains an account of the activities of known Fascist leaders. Those who are still active in their pro-Fascist campaigns are listed briefly.

100-6342 Court ASHER - now under Federal indictment for sedition.
100-8861-10 E. J. GARNER - now under Federal indictment for sedition.
100-228 Joseph P. KAMP
47-431 Joe McWILLIAMS - New York leader of the Christian Mobilizers
65-11730 John G. SCOTT
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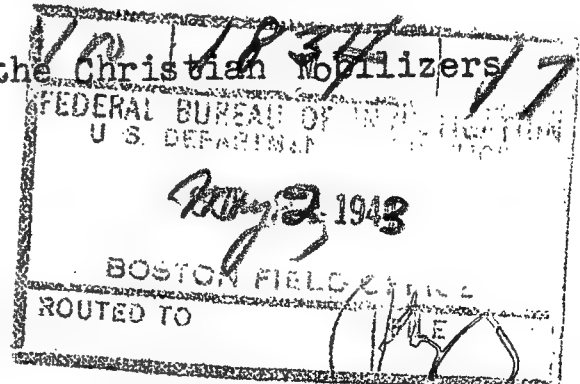
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Elizabeth DILLING - now under Federal indictment.
Edward A. KOCH
Leon DeARYAN - currently under Federal indictment.
Reverend Gerald B. WINROD - now under Federal indictment.
Charles B. HUDSON - now under Federal indictment for sedition.

Page 4 of Subject paper contains a report that Edward Page GASTON, fanatical prohibitionist advocate with pro-Fascist leanings, has been arrested and charged with illegally wearing a U. S. military uniform by the FBI.

The paper concludes with an appeal to readers to subscribe funds for continuing the work of the organization.

100 Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

May 5, 1943.

SAC
New York, New York

Re: "THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT"
(Publication of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC., 137 East 57th St., NYC.)

Dear Sir:

The attached communication which was forwarded to the Boston Field Office by Major S. D. Brown, Office of the Director, Intelligence Division, Headquarters, First Service Command, Boston, Massachusetts, and is being forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem advisable.

Very truly yours

C. E. HENNRICH
SAC

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June 10, 1944

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RE: FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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In reference to the above entitled matter, please find attached hereto, one pamphlet entitled "THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT", received by Mrs. TOYE, in connection with her work at the Intelligence Division, Massachusetts State Guard.

GEORGE V. DOHERTY
SA

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MEMO SAC cc 100-4066

DATE: August 8, 1944

FROM : GEORGE V. DOHERTY, SA/alp

SUBJECT: "THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT" issued by FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.100-1924
100-8818-1869

With reference to the above-entitled matter, please find attached hereto a circular received by Mrs. K. V. TOYE, Intelligence Division, Massachusetts State Guard, which I believe you will find self-explanatory. It is interesting to note in the reverse side thereof there is reported the death of Miss FRANCES SWEENEY, Editor of the Boston City Reporter and Executive Secretary of the American Irish Defense Association. It is also interesting to note that this circular is dated June 30, 1944.

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SAC, BOSTON

October 18, 1944

Special Agent JAMES A. DONOVAN, JR.

GERALD L. K. SMITH *lmb*
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The pamphlet which is attached to this memorandum was furnished to the writer by an informant of this office. The Bureau doubtless has a copy of the pamphlet, so it is suggested that the pamphlet be kept in the Boston Field Division for possible future reference.

It should be noted that the pamphlet is published by the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC., and that there are several references in our files to that organization and also to L. M. BIRKHEAD, the national director.

JAD:MEM

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FROM : SA GEO. V. DOHERTY

SUBJECT: THE FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY
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DATE: 12-27-44

Attached hereto is the November 1944 edition of the propaganda pamphlet received through the mail by Mrs. K. B. TOYE which is self-explanatory and is being submitted merely for the information of the file.

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SA GEORGE V. DOHERTY

Rev. GERALD L. K. SMITH

"PATTERN FOR REVOLUTION" by L. M. BIRKHEAD, Director,

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

SECURITY MATTER

This is a pamphlet received from Colonel ROBERT O. DALTON, Mass. State Guard, concerning the above, containing an order blank for the above, directed to the Haldeman-Julius Publications, Girard, Kansas. The reverse side of this order has a place to order the following books: "LIFE OF HITLER;" "LIFE OF STALIN"; "LIFE OF CHURCHILL"; "LIFE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK", for a total of \$2.45

Colonel DALTON reports that this was turned over to him from an informant, source not available, who expressed the opinion, with the great paper shortage, how such an organization could be permitted to print such material, was not understandable.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MILITARY DIVISION

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

280 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

29 October 1945.

Edward A. Soucy, Agent-in-Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
10 Post Office Square,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith are the articles which I spoke
to you about over the telephone.

I hope to be able to give you a ring some time
in the near future, and that we can have luncheon together.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

ROBERT O. DALTON,
Col., A.C. of S., G-2

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100 Milk Street
Boston, 9, Massachusetts
Nov. 8, 1945

Col. Robert O. Dalton.
The Adjutant General's Office
280 State House
Boston, 33, Massachusetts

Dear Col. Dalton:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of
October 29, 1945 in which you enclosed literature.

Your cooperation in this matter is grate-
fully appreciated.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Soucy
Special Agent-in-Charge

CP

Full:enb

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TO : MEMO FOR FILE 100-1834

FROM : SA GEORGE V. DOHERTY

SUBJECT: THE PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE November 28, 1945

With reference to the above entitled matter, please find attached hereto, the October 15, 1945 issue of the pamphlet entitled "The Propaganda Battlefront" which is published by said organization, the Friends of Democracy, New York City, and which was furnished to the writer by Mrs. GLADYS G. TOYE.

Said pamphlet contains a full page story purported to be a report on the Christian Front, and also a "Report on Boston" which I believe you will find self-explanatory.

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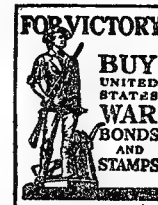
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100-1834
COMPLAINT FORM

100-4066
Friends of Democracy; -NYC
Francis Sweeney Committee
Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject
Internal Security-C
Character of Case

67-3931
WBS
Constance Ehrenfried
Name of Complainant
33 Center St, Brookline, Mass.
Address of Complainant
ASP 2696
Telephone Number of Complainant
April 16, 1947 4.05 p.m.
Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Miss Ehrenfried telephonically contacted this office to state that her family was associated with the Friends of Democracy but that she had been told by some people whom she would not name that this group was said to be communist influenced and she did not believe it and desired to refute their statements by referring to the FBI. She was advised that no ~~memorandum~~ such an organization was known to the FBI but that this did not constitute an endorsement of any group. and that the same held true for the Sweeney committee. She was further advised that if she thought that this or any other organization were subversive that she could advise the FBI. She further added that the Friends of Democracy, headed by Rex Stout, was doing excellent work.

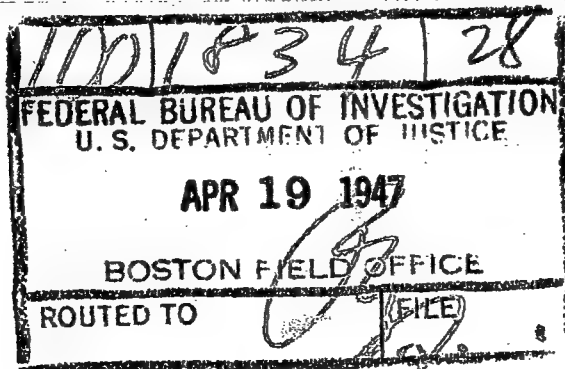
A check of the indices reflects that she applied for a position as clerk-typist on 7-1-41 at the Boston office at which time she received an unfavorable report due to failure to pass the typing test and as the result of the interview. This file indicates that her father is Albert Ehrenfried and her mother Grace Waterman. She has a brother George and a sister Frederika (Boston file 67-3931)

The indices also reflect the following references for Albert Ehrenfried.:
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There is no record of George or Frederika Ehrenfried.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

NONE



Robert G. Gibbs
Special Agent

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. Joseph Tansey

SUBJECT: DR. L. M. BIRKHEAD

National Director

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

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DATE: April 1, 1949

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G-2 Boston reports that BIRKHEAD, as Chairman of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, spoke at the Forum and Social Action Council of the Community Church of Boston on October 26, 1943. He revealed that "Under Cover", by JOHN R. CARLSON, was based on documents in possession of his organization. The subject of BIRKHEAD's speech was "Behind the Scenes of the American Fascist Movement." BIRKHEAD, during his speech stated that the Christian Front and the America First Committee were actively engaged in fomenting racial discord. According to Dr. BIRKHEAD the Christian Front, America First and the Kiwanis International were all said to be fomenting "super-nationalism".

On Sunday, November 7, 1943, the Community Church Services of Boston had a substitute speaker who was Dr. BIRKHEAD, Chairman of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY and he spoke on the subject "Propaganda is a Weapon."

According to an article in the New York Times dated January 11, 1941, the financial records of the "No Foreign War Committee," which is headed by VERNE MARSHALL, as Chairman, which he had previously said would be "open any time, to any one" were refused to Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, director of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY. Dr. BIRKHEAD said that he had received several inquiries from members of his organization for information as to the financial supporters of the "No Foreign War Committee." Acting on Mr. MARSHALL's radio promise of the night before that the books of the organization would be open he called to obtain same without success.

According to an article appearing in the New York Herald Tribune, on February 11, 1941, ORVILLE S. McPHERSON, owner and publisher of the Kansas City Journal announced the formation of "United Americans", a National organization which will seek to unite millions of Americans in support of President ROOSEVELT's foreign policy. Among the organizers of the "United Americans" are listed Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, National Director, FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY.

Headquarters for the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY is 103 Park Ave., New York City, the Eastern Regional Office.

According to an article appearing in the Herald Tribune, New York, February 26, 1941, Protestant leaders attended a "Protestantism Answers Hate" dinner forum at the Hotel Roosevelt under the auspices of the Protestant Digest Associates and heard citations in honor of five persons in combating racial and religious intolerance. The Reverend ~~DR. L. M. BIRKHEAD~~ National Director of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY was Chairman of the dinner forum.

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DR. L. M. BIRKHEAD (cont.)

According to an article appearing in the Boston Herald, March 3, 1941, Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD, National Director, FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, criticized Americans who had accepted decorations from the German Government naming Col. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH among them, and called upon the recipients "to return publicly their medals and renounce without equivocation Nazism and all that it stands for."

According to the Quarterly Intelligence Summary of August 15, 1945, the PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION of Detroit, Michigan, which was founded in 1939, by former Presbyterian minister and an admitted member of the Communist Party, and is said by the former minister to have been at its conception a voluntary organization of rural and urban ministers whose purpose was to apply the principles of cooperation and brotherhood. Informants, however, stated that the program of this group was purely a scriptural justification of Communism and a Communist effort to gain a foothold in the South. The most recently reported aims and purposes of the organization were illustrated by the program of the PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OF APPLIED RELIGION sponsored by the PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION, in Detroit, July, 1944. Among the plans of action discussed at this Congress were plans:

- (a) for the utter defeat of all Fascist forces
- (b) for racial equality
- (c) against anti-Semitism
- (d) against the poll tax
- (e) for the organization of all workers into labor unions and act for the wholehearted support of principles and conditions set forth at the Teheran Conference.

Among the sponsors of this organization of the PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION is listed the name Dr. L. M. BIRKHEAD.

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SAC, BOSTON

January 9, 1950

SA P. M. BREED

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY
SECURITY MATTER-C

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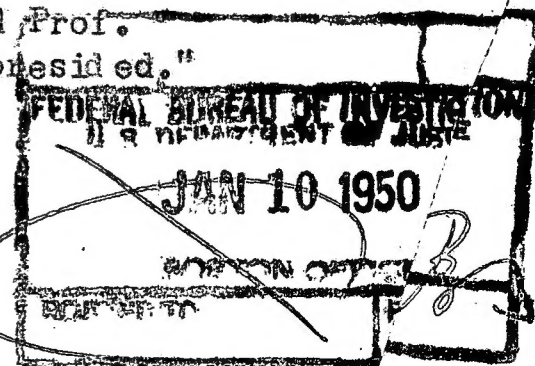
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April 13, 1953

SA CHARLES E. PELLETIER (LIAISON)

ATTN: SUPERVISOR JAMES C. WOODS

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Confidential Informant

On April 2, 1953, [redacted] telephonically communicated with this office and reported that she received a letter from a friend of hers in Washington, D.C. requesting her to obtain coverage, if possible, of a conference scheduled to be held at Harvard University April 17, 18, and 19, 1953 to which representatives from colleges and schools throughout this area would attend. The conference was supposed to be for "stimulate thinking of a parliament of men". It concerned the revision of the United Nations' Charter in 1953.

The conference is sponsored by the National Students' Association, Students for Democratic Action, United World Federalists, and Friends of Democracy.

Informant stated that one GORDON HALL was scheduled to be a speaker on Saturday before the conference and that he was a "spy" for the Friends of Democracy Organization. Informant stated that another speaker is VERNON NASH who is affiliated with the United World Federalists. Informant stated that she is endeavoring to obtain some young person to pose as a college student to attend the conference. Informant stated that she is quite elderly and in her younger days she covered various meetings and reported to the Daughters of the American Revolution and that the latter organization passed the bill for stenographic services.

Informant also reported that she received another letter from another friend of hers indicating that another group is in existence in this area known as the Liberal Citizens of Massachusetts, and another organization known as "BASSAR". Informant explained the latter abbreviation means "Bostonians Allied for South African Revolution". Informant stated that the latter organization is led by an Episcopal minister named GEORGE H. BOUTER of New York City who is collecting funds secretly in order to get the funds into the right hands in South Africa even though the South African government outlawed such activity.

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CC:

National Students' Association (100-18590)
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GORDON HALL
VERNON NASH
LIBERAL CITIZENS OF MASS.
"BASSAR"

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Informant is a widow and is rather inactive at present. It is possible that she might be developed as a panelist in the event she is contacted and her interest revived. She explained that several years ago Lt. DANIELS of the Office of Naval Intelligence visited her home and took away various boxes of subversive material on questionable organizations which she was collecting.